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Students March, Rally for Continued Frat Dining

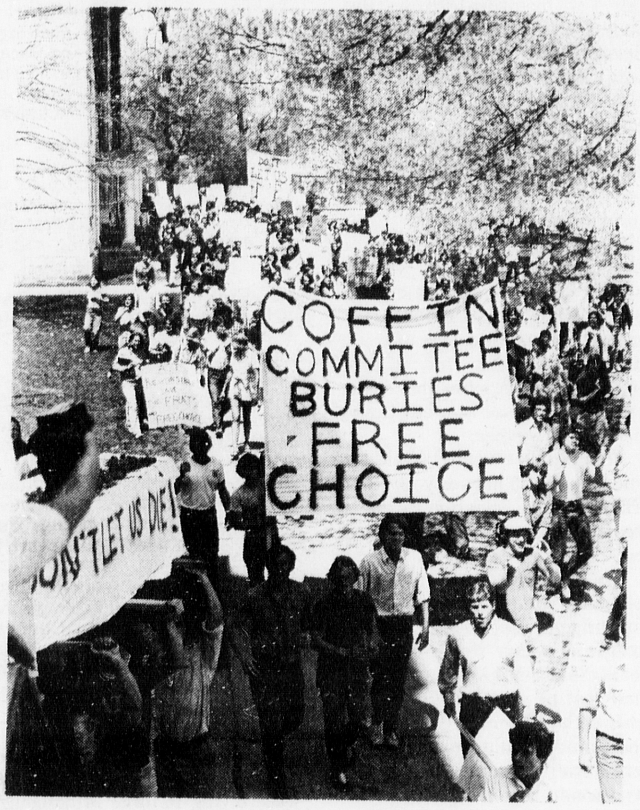
COFFIN COMMITEE BURIES FREE CHOICE
DON'T LET US DIE

Photo by Scott Kissenger

By MARK CORSEY

An estimated 500 to 600 students marched across campus and later rallied in front of Old Chapel Administrative Offices on May 16 to protest the Coffrin Committee's recommendation to end fraternity dining, possibly as early as 1980-81. The Committee, appointed last September by College President Olin Robison to research the social residential and dining arrangements of the college with emphasis on the fraternities, announced in a preliminary statement released April 30 that it plans to recommend to Robison "that the College undertake - as soon as possible - a major renovation of Proctor Hall (student union)..." and that "after this (renovation is complete), there be no more fraternity dining....." The Committee's decision was made "for financial reasons," the statement said.

Robison will make final decisions on all of the Committee's recommendations. The fourteen member committee, which consists of trustees, administrators, teachers and students, has suspended its work until school resumes in September and hopes to present its completed report to Robison in October. The contents of the report will be made public, Dean of the College and Coffrin Committee member John Spencer said.

(For a history of the Coffrin Committee, see stories on page15.)

The Associated Press estimated 900 marchers and rallyers took part in the ninety minute protest. The New York Times carried a story on the protest in its May 17 issue. The march and rally also received extensive television news coverage from WJAX-TV Burlington, Vermont.

Protestors met in front of Mc cullough Gymnasium at 1 p.m. and marched in a loop that passed several dormitories and terminated in front of Old Chapel. The steps of Old Chapel were used as a speaker's platform from which one representative of each of the college's six fraternities and one fraternity alumnus addressed the cheering, chanting crowd.

During the march protestors chanted "free choice" and carried signs reading "Frats Mean Free Choice" and "Olin (Robison) Eats Off-Campus Too." Speakers at the rally inspired cheers, applause and sign waving with statements defending the fraternities' right to separate dining. Arguments against fraternity dining when read, were greeted with catcalls and chants of "Bullshit." 675 signatures were gathered during the day, many of them during the rally, on petitions protesting the Coffrin Committee's recommendation.

Speakers at the rally addressed both the specific issue of fraternity dining and the larger issues of living alternatives and free choice.

Intrafraternity Council President and Coffrin Committee member Jeff Keller stated, of the possible loss of fraternity dining, "A physically isolated school such as Middlebury cannot socially afford further steps toward centralization." Sigma Epsilon member Dave Gavett '78, argued "Middlebury is homogeneous enough without the elimination of a significant segment of campus life. The Administration does not question that fraternities are one...valuable alternative. There is no doubt in our minds that dining is the mainstay of fraternities at Middlebury."

Chi Psi President Phil Mann told the crowd, "It is an assuring feeling to know that the student body is concerned about some of the college's decisions that not only will affect students today but will also affect future students."

Student Forum Chairman and Coffrin Committee member Clark Hinsdale stated, "If our voice is to be heard we must be prepared to face and understand the financial implications of our position."

Hinsdale pointed out that a Coffrin Committee survey revealed "92% of Middlebury students feel that fraternity dining is important to the college." He added, "Fraternities feed students at a lower average cost than the college does. Board rebates (to students not eating on the college meal plan) are lower than the board charges at any comparable college. Yet the college persists in promulgating the argument that they are subsidizing fraternities and that fraternity dining is prohibitively expensive.

"Fraternities could save 20% or about $20,000 annually on food purchases by buying through the college," Hinsdale said. "This savings would eliminate the immediate need to increase rebates. This savings would eliminate the need for additional fraternity 'subsidies.' This savings would allow us to continue fraternity dining. Food

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Carter's Nominee

Robison To Head Federal Commision

March 22, 1978

BY MARK CORSEY

College President Olin Robison was nominated by President Carter last week to the post of Chairman of the U.S. Advisory Commision on International Communication, Cultural and Educational Affairs. The commision will serve in an advisory capacity to the new International CommunicationsAgency (ICA) which will be responsible for a large number of international cultural, educational and communication exchange programs. Robision's nomination must be approved by the Senate.

Robison said that, if appointed, his new post should not interfere in any way with his work as college president. He would have a small staff in Washington and travel to the capitol for a day or two once a month. The Advisory Commision would serve in an advisory capacity to the ICA and would be responsible for reporting to the President, the Secretary of State and the Congress on the ICA's activities and progress.

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Some of the most important and the best stories of the year 1977-78 are included in this special Summer issue of the CAMPUS.

The issue is being mailed to incoming freshmen in August, and distributed to upperclassmen in September. For freshmen, the CAMPUS hopes that this issue gives you a brief overview of what you missed, and for upperclassmen, of what you lived through.

Welcome and welcome back.

Faculty Adopts Sullivan Statement

March 22, 1978

By CAROL HUBREGSEN

A motion supporting "the struggle for human rights and civil liberties in South Africa" passed at the Faculty meeting on March 13. Faculty urged the Board of Trustees to examine "the college's investments to discover the extent to which they include holdings in firms that do substantial business in South Africa."

The final proposal established two criteria for judging the college's investments: the amount of business a company does in South Africa and adherence or non-adherence to the Sullivan statement.

According to the proposal, the trustees should "take appropriate action" if a company, in which the college's investment firm has holdings, does not meet the criteria. (The company does substantial business in South Africa and does not subscribe to the Sullivan Statement.)

The Sullivan Statement commits companies in principle to nonsegregation, equal pay, training programs that prepare blacks for skilled and administrational jobs, an increase in the number of blacks in management and supervisory positions and the improvement of employees' lives outside of work.

Professor Marjorie Lamberti (History) reported to the faculty that significant improvements in all of these areas occurred in companies that complied with the Sullivan statement. The document is "a very practical one," she said, and does not encourage black repression. Fifty-three major companies adhere to and comply with the statement.

In a Campus interview last week, President Robison said that he has asked Professor Lamberti to help the college review its investment portfolio. Lamberti has been checking what companies the college's financial firms invest in, if those companies invest in South Africa, if they do a "substantial" business there, and if the companies adhere to and comply with the Sullivan statement.

"There are varying degrees of action being taken by different institutions, Robison said at the Faculty meeting. Middlebury's investigation is similar to other college's, he concluded. "I am satisfied that Middlebury is not out of step with her sister institutions."

One professor questioned the legitimacy of singling out South Africa from other repressive

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College Buys Proposed Bypass Land

January 11, 1978

By JIM LABE

In two related moves, Middlebury College recently spent more than $140,000 buying large sections of land, all of which are located in the path of the state's proposed Route 7 easterly bypass.

The land purchases have enraged several selectmen and at least one state representative, who charge that the College is interfering with town politics and attempting to influence the state and town's eventual decision as to whether the Route 7 bypass, if built, will follow the proposed westerly or easterly route.

The proposed westerly bypass would mean the construction of a high speed highway crossing College land and passing extremely close to Pearsons, Kelly, Lang, and Hadley dormitories.

One of the College's land purchases may have unintentionally caused a breach of contract, in which case the purchase could be ruled invalid if brought to court. Richard Rouse, a town resident, has claimed that he had already made a verbal

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October 12, 1977

Little person at Williams football game takes time out to offer some good counsel to a friend.

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Council Upholds 1973 Ruling; Says All or Nothing to Chi Psi Women

November 30, 1977

By CAROL HUBREGSEN

Women eating at Chi Psi Fraternity will not be eligible for college rebates beginning fall semester next year as a result of a Community Council decision to uphold a 1973 Council ruling that guards against discrimination against women members of fraternities.

The 1973 ruling specifically states that if women are to be admitted as members to fraternities, they must be guaranteed full privileges, eating, living and social. As a result of pressure from Chi Psi's national and local corporations, women will not be allowed to live in the fraternity house as of fall 1978. Women could have been maintained as eating members if Community Council had not voted to uphold the '73 ruling.

Earlier this year the national Chi Psi threatened to expel the Middlebury chapter if women are still living in the house next year. Chi Psi has been stalling the national organization, which has never officially recognized women living in the house, since 1973. The local Chi Psi corporation, which owns the mortage on the house, also informed Chi Psi members earlier this year that they would board up the house if members did not comply with the national's wishes.

A few years ago, Middlebury's fraternities experienced an ebb in memberships, and several houses decided to accept women as social, eating and living members to shore up their faltering finances. Because the decision to open to women smacked of economic exploitation, Community Council passed the 1973 rule guaranteeing women members full rights. However, fraternities have the right to refuse women membership altogether.

Community Council upheld the ruling the Thursday before Thanksgiving vacation after a heated debate that extended over two of their meetings.

In a compromise effort, Chi Psi proposed at the second Council meeting to set up a sisters' program which would have at least maintained women as social and eating members. To be called the Sisters of Alpha Mu, the women would be a separate organization within Chi Psi and would rent the fraternity's eating space and other facilities.

Laura Schaeffer '79 who eats at Chi Psi, said that obviously she and the other women members would prefer to keep the situation as it is. But all of the women members want to avoid a shutdown of the house, and "There are some things you have to give up to get other things," she concluded. Three women live at Chi Psi, six eat there, and there are eleven social members.

Associate Treasurer of the college and council member David Ginevan said that setting up another fraternal organization on campus was not the solution. Dean of Students Erica Wonnacott added that,"the college is pretty committed to not expanding the fraternity situation;" and explained that fraternities and sororities seeking to set up new chapters at Middlebury are regularly refused.

Wonnacott and other members of the Council also said that they believe the national and local corporations are bluffing, and that the house would not be closed in the final analysis. Chi Psi president Peter Barnett '78 and Treasurer Bill Quigley '78 explained that the national just established two new chapters and feel strong enough now to sacrifice Middlebury if need be. Assistant Dean of Students Karl Lindholm suggested that Chi Psi members seek out support from non—active fraternity alumni, but Food Services director Gary Starr countered that a support campaign run by "Full--time Middlebury students" was an "unrealistic" idea.

Excluding consideration of any other college policy promoting non—expansion of fraternities, Council Members were generally opposed to a sisters' program. They argued that a sister's program avoids the real issue of sexism. Ken Peters '79 who is not a member of the council, but who attended the second meeting, branded the national and local corporations' ultimatum "blatant sexism...and that is absolutely wrong," he concluded.

He and other members of the council advised Chi Psi to take a stand on principle regardless of the outcome. During the meeting Barnett argued unsuccessfully that the Council is dealing with a "practical issue," and that it would be forcing Chi Psi to refuse girls membership in any capacity if its members upheld the '73 ruling.

In an interview with a CAMPUS reporter before the decision was made, Dean Lindholm said that he resented the fraternity's charge that the College would be the discriminator if it upheld Community Council's ruling. The sisters' program essentially makes women "second class citizens" he said, and though the administration and Council understand the fraternity's bind, it would be very hard for the college to "go on record" as sanctioning discrimination.

In the 1960's when several national fraternity organizations were trying to force Middlebury chapters to refuse membership to Jews and Blacks, the chapters went local or threatened to go local. This option, however, does not appear to be open to Middlebury's Chi Psi because representatives of the local alumni corporation, which controls the house, have stated that they will side with the national chapter's decision. The college owns the land that Chi Psi is built on, but the corporation has a ninety-nine year lease with the college that has several decades to go before it expires. It is probable, according to Chi Psi and the administration, that it would take at least five years for the college to regain control of the house if the alumni ever closed it down.

The college suggested that it could possibly assume Chi Psi's mortgage at the first Council meeting. But even if the local alumni would relinquish it, members of Chi Psi said that they would object to college ownership of the house. "We're paranoid about the administration's attitude towards fraternities," said Quigley. Lindholm said that there was a basis for paranoia a few years ago, but, "that issue is past. The school is pretty content with having fraternities here."

Even if there was not the possibility of closing their house, Chi Psi is not eager to lose their membership in the national organization. Members believe that there are benefits to national membership, including money for building repairs, alumni and educational programs.

WRMC Changes Over to Stereo

May 3, 1978

BY MARK CORSEY

WRMC-FM 91.7, Middlebury College's student operated, 24-hour radio station, switched from monophonic to stereo broadcast at 4:10 p.m. last Thursday. The change to stereo was part of the same project that saw WRMC install a new operating board in its main studio on the second floor of Proctor last February.

Station manager Donald Kreis said that he is "really enthusiastic" about the switch to stereo because he believes it will increase WRMC's listening audience on campus. Many students own high quality stereo outfits and like to receive a good stereo broadcast, Kreis said.

"I think you'll hear a lot more of RMC around campus now (that we're stereo)," he said.

The change to stereo involved the installation of a new transmitter which Kreis said the station had already owned for several years. WRMC received the transmitter free from a company that was going out of business, he said.

Stereo broadcast is, as a rule, "unpopular with ten-watt stations" like WRMC, Kreis said, because it further limits the already limited potential listening audience.

WRMC's board of directors approached the College administration in March 1977 with several proposals outlining what the board would like to do to improve the station. Of the proposals, which included one to boost the station's wattage and another to have the station broadcast year round, Kreis said the Administration was most receptive to the idea of changing to stereo.

WRMC has also installed a new $3200 signal processor which will enable monophonic receivers to pick up a better sound than previously from the station.

WRMC is now the second station in the Champlain Valley area to broadcast in stereo. WQCR, Burlington, is the other stero station.

Community Council Discusses Library Security System

November 2, 1977

BY JENNIFER SALMON

Community Council last Friday discussed the possibility of installing an electronic sensor device in the library to prevent theft of library books.

The discussion was initiated by Reid Figel who stated that over the last ten years, especially the last three years, 3400 books have been reported missing, totalling a loss of $65,000-$75,000 for the library.

The idea for a Security System was suggested by the chairman of the Library Committee. He was worried about negative student reaction due to the "lack of trust" aspect of such a device. According to Reid, Dr. Cubeta, another member of the Library Committee, felt it "would erode community spirit."

The Council's main concern was the expense of such an investment. It was suggested that a person be employed to check persons as they leave the library. Food Service Director Gary Starr pointed out that if he were a library user, "I wouldn't want to be searched."

One council member indicated that the cost of hiring a person to search everyone would eventually outweigh the cost of the device itself. Associate Treasurer David Ginevan estimated a $15,000 cost for the device. A suggestion was made to have one of the regular library employees check people, since the duties behind the desk are not always heavy.

Tom Gavin wondered about the aesthetic problems installing an electronic device might cause. Ginevan said he felt that the sensors he has seen haven't been too unsightly.

The Council's discussion will be reported to the Library Committee where the final decision will be made.

...Robison's Appointment

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The ICA will officially begin its functions on April 1. The new agency is the result of a massive reorganization that has merged the State Department's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs and the U.S. Information Agency (USIA). The Bureau has, in the past, been in charge of such programs as the Fulbright-Hays scholarships. The USIA has worked with international media and publications.

A continuing concern before and during the reorganization, Robison said, has been that a merger of the Bureau and the USIA would cause the educational and cultural programs to become secondary to the communications aspect. Robison, who took part in the reorganization effort, said debate on the merger issue has spanned two decades. He added that the move to reorganize is in line with Presidents Carter's drive to streamline federal government and is the major move to date by the Carter Administration in the international affairs field.

"I'm reasonably confident," Robison said, "that one of the reasons I've been nominated to be chairman of the commision is a desire on the part of the President and the Secretary of State to have an academic chairing the commission - at least in the beginning stages-to symbolize their intent not to allow the academic and cultural sides of the organization to become secondary to the other activities."

Robison said he did not feel there "need be a very grave concern" that the agency's emphasis would become disproportionate. "The new director...and deputy director of the organization are experienced diplomats in foreign service,"he said. "They're keenly sensitive to these kinds of concerns and problems."

Robison said the ICA would be greatly concerned with "public diplomacy" which is playing an increasingly important role in the relationship between governments. More and more, governments are realizing that what they can and cannot do is controlled by non-governmental entities, Robsion said. He cited media and culture and the ways in which they help to create and inform public attitude as being very important in international relations.

Robison said he was "very pleased " with the nomination and considers the post the "perfect job for one who wants to stay in touch with Washington" and, at the same time, continue to be an academic.

If approved, Robison would serve a one year term at the end of which time he could be reappointed.

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Harry Drucker and Bruce Boyd

What's Your Preference?

The survey covered 211 students (almost 15% of the student population).

By JIM LABE

1. Who is your favorite actor?
1-Dustin Hoffman
2-Humphrey Bogart
3-Charlie Chaplin
4-Al Pacino
5-Jack Nicholson
or actress?
1-Katherine Hepburn
2-Lauren Bacall
3-Genieve Bujold
4-Faye Dunaway
5-Diane Keaton
2. Which day of the week do you enjoy most?
1-Friday
2-Saturday
3-Sunday
4-Thursday
5-Monday
3. What is your favorite sport?
1-Skiing
2-Hockey
3-Tennis
4-Soccer
5-Riding
4. What is your favorite type of beer, if you drink beer?
1-Miller
2-Molson Golden
3-Michelob
4-Lowenbrau
5-Heineken
5. What is your favorite type of pen?
1-Bic
2-Parker
3-Fountain
4-Flair
5-Pilot Razor Point
6. At what age do you think you would like to be married, if you are thinking of marriage?
1-25
2-28
3-30
4-24
5-26
7. What is your favorite musical taste? (Rock, jazz, classical, reggae, etc)
1-Rock
2-Jazz
3-Bluegrass/Folk
4-Classical
5-Folk Rock
8. What is your favorite fruit?
1-Peaches
2-Oranges
3-Apples
4-Strawberries
5-Bananas
9. Who is your favorite cartoon character?
1-Bugs Bunny
2-Pink Panther
3-Doonesbury
4-Snoopy
5-Tweety Bird
10. What is your favorite toothpaste brand?
1-Crest
2-Aim
3-Colgate
4-Gleem
5-Pepsodent

Pair Cycles Through Socialist Europe

January 25, 1978

BY AMY MEEKER

"It was very interesting, and completely different from anything I've done before-one of the best things I've ever done. However, I don't think either of us would ever take another bicycle trip there."

With these words Bruce Boyd '79, voiced his ambivalence about his experiences last spring on a bicycle trip through six Socialist countries of Eastern Europe. Boyd and Harry Drucker '80, cycled 3,000 miles in 100 days. Their trip took them through Yugoslavia, Bulgaria, Romania, Hungary, Czechoslovakia, and Poland.

After deciding last year that they wanted to "see something really different," the pair talked to countless travel agencies about the possibility of cycling through Eastern Europe. The answer was, invariably, "You're crazy," so they made the necessary and often complicated arrangements on their own, contacting each country's embassy to obtain vouchers and visas.

Throughout the trip, Boyd emphasized, he and Drucker were careful to do everything "according to the rules," which included checking in with the police in each town and staying in hotels or private homes recommended by a tourist bureau, rather than camping out.

The importance of acting within the rules was illustrated to them early in their trip while they were travelling by train through Yugoslavia. They began snapping pictures of the scenery until a man standing near the tracks motioned to them to stop. After a while, explained Drucker, their worry wore off, and they again brought their cameras out. Again someone on the tracks gestured to them. A few minutes later, armed guards burst into their compartment and confiscated their film: apparently the second observer had radioed to the train about the cameras.

Such incidents, continued Drucker, served as an "ever-present reminder" of the nature of the countries they were in which, he said, gave one the feeling of a "military presence."

Boyd, in contrast, was particularly impressed by the "primitive, almost backwards" lifestyle of people in the cities.

"Everything was gray," he found. "The people dressed grayly, and this matched the feeling."

"One day in Poland," Drucker added, "We noticed some girls sitting at a table, drinking Cokes and giggling. This struck us as outstanding-usually, we didn't see people laughing."

Being Americans, the two were themselves considered somewhat of a novelty. One manifestation of this, said Drucker, was that they were stopped by police much more frequently than citizens seemed to be.

Their distinctiveness as Americans also inculcated tremendous curiosity in natives of every town they rode through. Each time they stopped in a town crowds of up to forty people would gather around them. Similarly, their entrance into restaurants would produce an immediate hush.

"The people we met," Boyd commented, "Were very friendly, and very interested in talking with us and comparing us to what they'd been told about Americans. For many, it was their first encounter with someone from the U.S."

The realization that they were regarded as typical Americans "dictated our behavior," they explained, labelling themselves as 'roving ambassadors" in this respect.

Communication difficulties were minimal, since both Drucker and Boyd speak German, which is still spoken by many older people in some countries they travelled through. In addition, Drucker found his knowledge of Russian helpful in Slavic countries. People were more than willing, they said, to help them acquire a working vocabulary in the language of each country they visited.

Boyd went on to discuss the differences he found between life in the U.S. and, life in the coun-

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Sculpture Theft: Blessing In Disguise

November 2, 1977

By RICK LEGRO

The mysterious case of the missing sculpture still remains unsolved. The sculpture in question was stolen last fall, three days after it had been bolted into place on its pedestal in front of the Johnson Art Building.

Today, however, Associate Professor of Art David Bumbeck calls the theft, "a blessing in disguise". The blessing has provided the college with a new and larger version of the original sculpture by the artist George Rickey. Bumbeck feels that the old sculpture was "too small to hold up against the scale of Johnson." The new sculpture, built especially for Middlebury is twice the scale of the old one, twelve feet high versus six feet for the earlier sculpture.

Rickey was both "surprised and disappointed" to hear of the theft of his original sculpture. Nevertheless, due partly to his friendship with certain professors in the art department he constructed the new one, and according to Bumbeck, gave the college a "terrific bargain" on it. The sculpture entitled "Two Open Rectangles Excentric, Variation VI" cost 12,325 dollars.

Bumbeck sees an "immediate appeal" in Rickey's sculpture, that of the "fascination with movement" in it. Rickey is a leading proponent of kinetic sculpture, which expands the range or traditional materials and effects by employing motion. The forms, in this case rectangles move with the slightest current of air.

John Townsend a 1977 graduate of Middlebury is now working with Rickey in his studio. He described Rickey's work as follows: "These sculptures....are about what we see. While the motion of the rectangles is limited to strictly defined paths, their movement in these paths is determined by a struggle between variable, shifting winds and constant gravity. We see a random evolution of forms and patterns in response to enviroment."

Protecting the sculpture from theft is a special electronic alarm system. The alarm, triggered by any tampering with the sculpture, automatically rings in the Campus Security office, and immediately thereafter in the service building, the town police station and the state police station. This is done by means of a pre-recorded phone message.

Earlier in the semester the mechanism short circuited when the sculpture was struck by lightning. During the two week interlude while the alarm was being repaired, a guard was posted throughout the night to protect the sculpture.

As for the old sculpture, the search goes on. Bumbeck feels that Rickey and his work are too well known for any one to sell it on the market, or to openly display it. One campus security man hypothesized that " it's probably at the bottom of some river now."

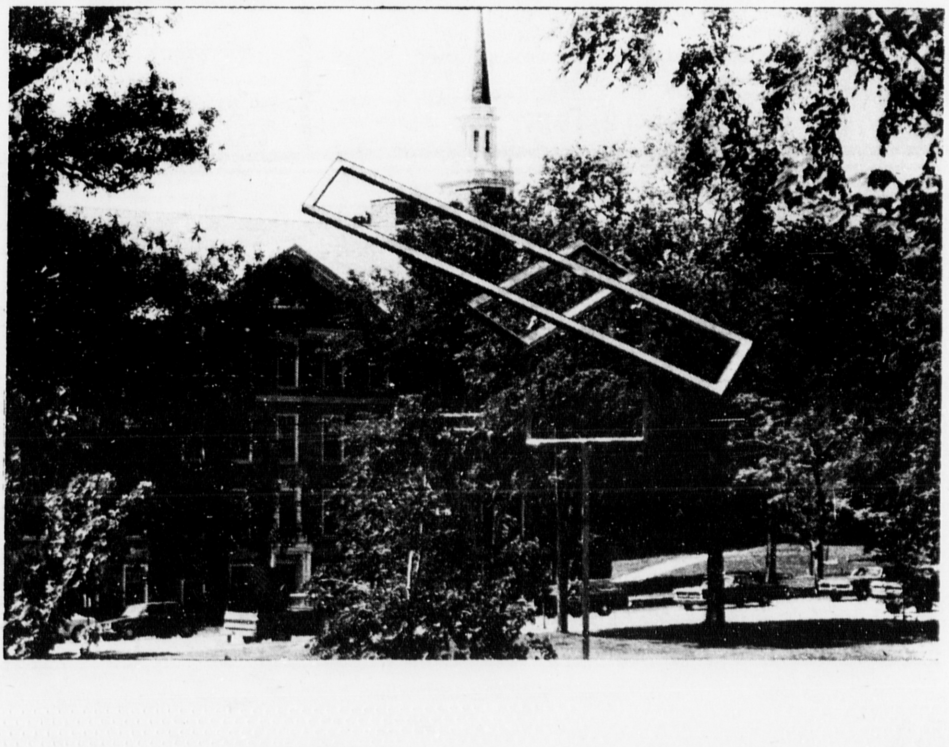

Photo by David Bumbeck

Editorials

A Little Revolution

May 10, 1978

Fraternity dining may well be on its way out at Middlebury College. Students cannot afford to act as if there is nothing we can do to influence President Robison's upcoming decisions. We should do all that we can to let Dr. Robison know how we feel.

The CAMPUS praises the efforts which fraternity members have already made, but we believe that the level of protest shown so far is inadequate. The students can and should give a more visible show of concern. The drive for moderation in protest is a necessary and sensible one, but is should not be taken too far on this issue.

The most effective way to influence the President is with direct communication. Every student should communicate his or her opinion. If you cannot speak with Dr. Robison, send him a note. Tell him what you think of the Coffrin Committee recommendation to end fraternity dining, sign your name and drop it in the campus mail. It's easy to do your bit, but you must do it soon.

The opinions of alumni and friends are also important. Tell any alumni, parents of students or friends about the issue and the recommendation, and ask them to let Dr. Robison know how they feel.

The President has said that he expects to discuss the issue with the Trustees when they convene here at Commencement time. In all probability then, he will not be making any decisions for at least three weeks. During that time, fraternity members could organize strategic, mass protests that would be both peaceful and effective.. There is no excuse for letting time go by. Granted, most everyone is cornered by work, but an effective demonstration can be held in just a few hours if it is well organized.

Everyone who cares should do his part. The responsibility lies not just with the fraternity mambers but with the entire student body. The loss of fraternity dining privileges would be a loss of one option that would ultimately effect the entire community.

Winter Term

February 1, 1978

The Educational Council decided last Monday to re-convene today in order to complete the Winter Term proposal which the council intends to present to the faculty.

The Council hopes that if the proposal is completed at the Wednesday meeting, the faculty will have the opportunity to begin its consideration of the proposal during the upcoming faculty meeting February 14.

The changes which the Educational Council is most seriously considering at this time are the institution of grades for Winter Term courses, and a system in which a student might have to take two courses to receive one Winter Term credit. The graded A-F system would replace the current Pass/Fail/Honors system. The second change would call for some Winter Term courses to be designated half credit courses while others would be full credit courses. A student would have to take either one full credit or two half credit courses.

A third option of the half credit/full credit system would be that students could elect to do additional independent work for a half-credit course and thereby receive full credit for that course.

This third option seems ludicrous since one of the major purposes of Winter Term, as we understand it, is to promote independent study by students. The premise behind a one course Winter Term is that having only one course allows students to work intensively in a single area. Much of the work is done as the result of the student's initiative. If the complaint that a significant number of, students are not already doing this is valid, will engraving the premise in the Handbook in the form of legislation change anything?

We are reluctant to believe there is a system by which courses will be designated "half credit" or "full credit" which will be acceptable to a large majority of all the parties concerned with the Winter Term issue. Apparently under half credit/full credit system any course maintains the potential to be full credit if the student is willing to put enough time and effort into the course. What then is the specific value of the the half credit course?

If the Council's objective is to assure that not only some but all students face academic demands Winter Term equal to those of Fall and Spring terms then the philosophy of Winter Term as a "special time" is being abandoned, and we do not feel it should be.

Neither do we believe that half credit/full credit system will "promote the "better attitude" toward Winter Term many members of the community have said they desire.

An A through F grading system would avail nothing, in our opinion. Students' concerns for good grades are already necessarily disproportionate to their concern for overall educational experience. Few people, it seems, like this-but fewer deny it is true. To institute a traditional grading system for Winter Term would be to further stifle the already overly-inhibited desire of many students to experiment and to branch out. The college's new curriculum requirements which include Foundations courses and a Concentration for each student, claim to promote the "well rounded education" philosophy. A graded Winter Term then would seem inconsistent.

We are encouraged by the Council's deliberate and thorough efforts to both maintain and improve Winter Term. We do not argue that there is no room for improvement. But we are concerned that the proposals the council is now seriously considering will not serve as beneficial a service as the overall college community requires.

Land Purchases

January 11, 1978

The College's recent acquisition of lands that lie in the path of the proposed easterly by-pass of Route 7 is a classic example of an avowed non-political institution playing politics.

The college's land acquisition moves have actually guaranteed nothing as far as the eventual outcome of the decision made about the proposed by-pass.

Whether the road will take a westerly course and pass very much within visible and audible distance of the college or take an easterly route and never be seen or heard from by people on the Hill is still a matter in the hands of town, county and state legislators. But haven't "gamble maneuvers" always been a part of the basic strategy of "playing politics?"

Some Middlebury selectmen and one member of the State house have tersely criticized the College for its move. But we cannot share these people's dissatisfaction. Although the College's actions represent, in a strict, moralistic sense, inappropriate behavior — we know of no argument or evidence presented to date that would prove the construction of an easterly bypass as opposed to a westerly bypass intrinsically wrong or bad for the community. Therefore, if the land purchases prove a factor in a final decision to go ahead with the construction of an easterly by-pass, the purchases represent nothing intrinsically wrong or bad for the community.

In our research of the overall Route 7 bypass dilemma, past and present, we have come to realize that the issue is one that has persisted and, even now, appears likely to continue to persist for unforeseeable number of months or years. We agree with the editorial sentiment expressed in the Addison County Independent that the college is to be commended for taking a step, albeit one that is going to leave some people unhappy.

We do not look forward to seeing a time ever when a four lane highway will crease the natural beauty of the college lands behind Pearsons, Milliken, Hadley and Kelly-Lang. But neither are we preaching deliberate insensitivity or "power play" tactics to be used against the exo-college community of which we are each actually a member. Our opinion is that the college has done nothing wrong in the land purchasings and that the implications of the purchases do not merit our scorn.

To the Editor

Winter Term

February 22, 1978

TO THE EDITOR

As I understand it, the faculty is considering Educational Council's Winter Term proposals to reinstitute grades and /or distinguish between full and half credit course options. My plea to all concerned with Winter Term is : do not change or allow to be changed the credit system or grade structure. .

During the semester, every course is assigned one credit, whether it is a 100 level or a 4,5,or 700 level course, whether it is a Dance , or Shakespeare, or Physics, whether the grade awarded is an A or a C. The record simply shows one credit; as arbitrary as that assignment is, it refers to the time period in which something is learned. During Winter Term . let the beauty of the grades and credits be their institutional arbitrariness. Some students and professors work harder than others. I see that as a matter of personal choice, the ability to choose as a strength, and legislation in this case as a weakness because it infringes on the choice and the responsibility involved.

Freedom from grades is freedom from external pressure to perform . Winter Term encourages all of us to try something unfamiliar in terms of subject matter, teaching/learning methods, and what is more, the source of incentive. Grades orient me toward satisfying another—a professor—minimal grading turns me to myself; to a interest and motivation. But if I appear to be slow to rise to the call, it is because I am not practiced in this attitude, this approach; and that is largely a fault of our culture.

Winter Term is one month sandwiched between two more conventional four-month terms. It is a slim chance to cultivate this other attitude of reliance on self as a source, but it is succumbing to the conventional, cultural pressures. The attitude wants cultivation, but one month is a short growing season anywhere. The educational council is getting around the bush.

MARTY PEALE '79

Disgusted

December 7, 1977

TO THE EDITOR:

I am disgusted by the article that was entitled "Gay Group Experience Vitality" in the November 30, 1977 issue of the CAMPUS. Homosexuality is a

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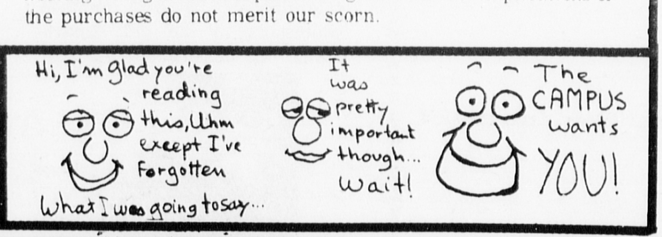
EDIBLES - featuring Meadowlark Watermelon and Jack O. Pumpkin, providing food for thought. This week's morsel, "Stage Plight," by Anna Jones and Mark Corsey.

October 12, 1977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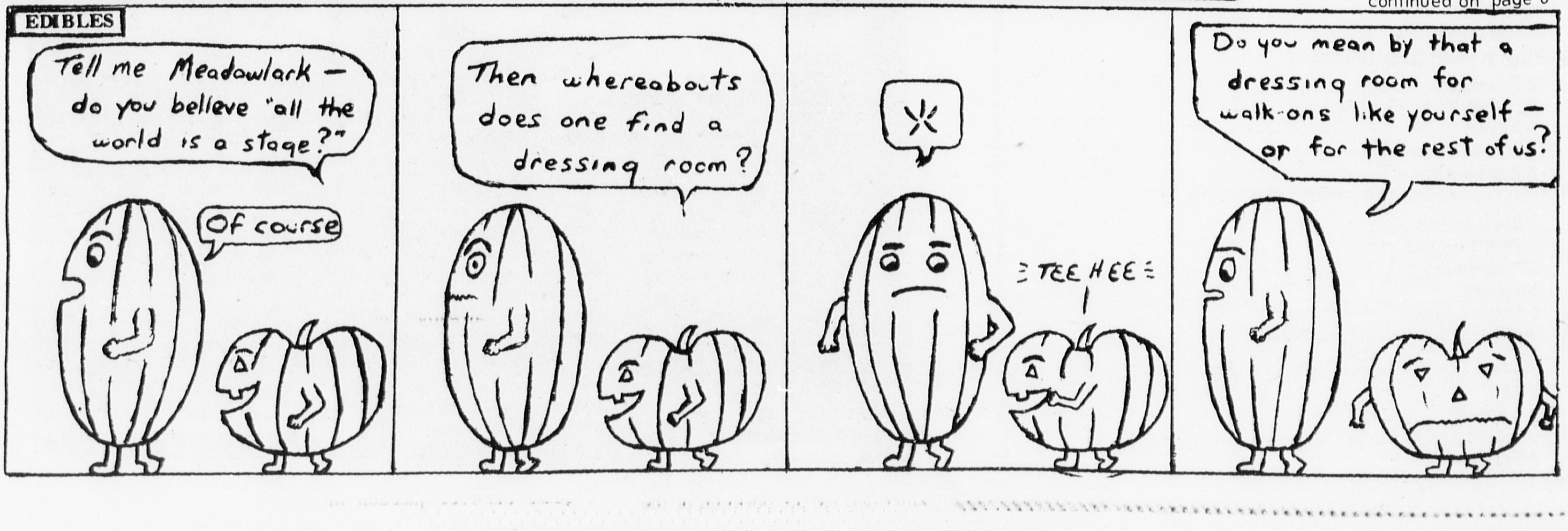
EDIBLES
Tell me Meadowlark — do you believe "all the world is a stage?"
Of course
Then whereabouts does one find a dressing room?
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TEE HEE
Do you mean by that a dressing room for walk-ons like yourself — or for the rest of us?

the year's best campus briefs

news of college happenings

edited by mark corsey

May 3, 1978

NORTHRIDGE, Calif. (CH) Princeton, Harvard, the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor, Yale and Stanford are the nation's top undergradutate institutions according to a new report compiled by Jack Gourman, a political science professor from the California State University at Northridge.

Although Gourman claims the ratings were done in a thorough and systematic manner, many educators - including those from the highly ranked institutions - assailed the rankings as being everything from "vague" and "inconsistent" to "invalid" and "bogus"

Gourman, who says he has been doing similar studies for over 20 years, claims the rankings were based on questionnaires filled out by the institutions "together with several supplemental reports filled out by a selected team" which represented him.

The report, done for the National Educational Standards Administrators, gave a numerical grade to each academic department within an institution as well as several non-academic areas. Public relations offices, for example, were rated on the basis of whether they "give a true image of the college" rather than being "propaganda tools." Trustees were evaluated on whether they "do their homework" and have a "full understanding of university problems." Alumni associations were ranked on their closeness and helpfulness to the school.

April 19, 1978

ANN ARBOR, Mich. (CH)- The annual Hash Bash, celebrating the anniversary of Ann Arbor's $5 marijuana fine law, was held April 1 in a park on the University of Michigan campus.

The event drew over 3,000 students, hard core tokers from the area, curious high schoolers and a number of out-of-towners who gaped in disbelief at the open pot smoking.

Some 50 police were on the scene, handing out those famous $5 tickets wholesale from a makeshift command post where those caught smoking marijuana were ticketed, photographed for identification, and then released to continue enjoying the celebration.

May 10, 1978

MILWAUKEE, Wis.—As an assignment for the U. of Wisconsin—Milwaukee student radio station a male staffer applied for a job as a Playboy bunny. He was turned down and is now discussing the rejection with the state Civil Liberties Union to see if sex discrimination can be taken.

March 22, 1978

KENT, Ohio. (CH) —— Jodie Oser, a 5—foot graduate student at Kent State University is urging the short people of America to stand up for their rights. Oser, who is the founder of the Short People of America organization, says that the first step to fighting bigotry against short people is to "change people's attitude."

Oser says that short people must start to assert themselves. She says that industry should be urged to design cars, furniture, and other products with shorter people in mind. She also accuses "belittled," and "brought down to size," and "short tempered," as degrading to short people.

Although she understands that the Randy Newman song "Short People" is meant to be a satire, Oser says that the song provided a final incentive to start the SPOA because, "Most people see the song as humorous as that reinforces their stereotypes." So far, Oser has enlisted 35 dues—paying members into her nationwide organization.

April 19, 1978

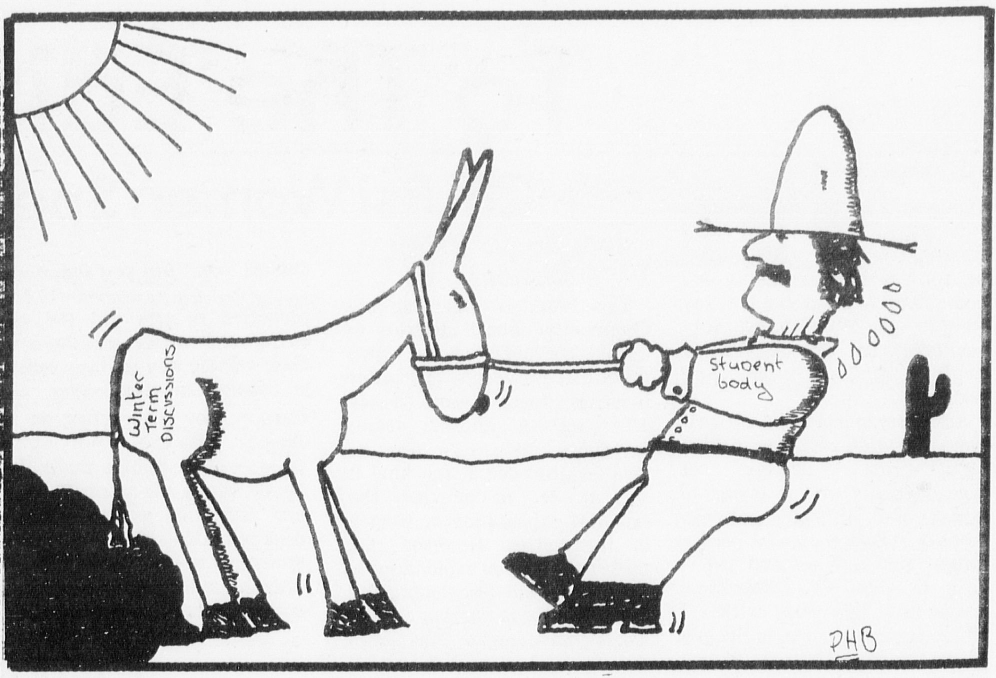
UNIVERSITY PARK, Penn. (CH) - The Penn State University Daily Collegian swears this story is true. Astudent who was observed cheating on a test was stopped by the proctor as he was about to hand in the test. "Do you know who I am?" asked the student. The proctor said he didn't. "Do you know who I am?" the student asked the remaining students in the class. And the students said they didn't, so the student quickly placed his test in the middle of the stack of test papers and walked out.

April 19, 1978

HARTFORD-Trinity College President Theodore D. Lockwood has ordered the college bookstore to remove several "so-called skin magazines" from its shelves because they were not in keeping with the dignity or purpose of a college bookstore. Magazines banned included Hustler, Swank, Club, Knave and Cavalier. Permitted to remain on sale were Playboy, Penthouse, Playgirl and Oui. Replacing the banned magazines in the bookstore will be more scholarly magazines not found in drugstores.

February 22, 1978

The twelve most persuasive words in the English language, according to Yale U. researchers are save, money, you, new, health, results, easy, safety, love, discovery, proven, and guarantee.



Fraternity Member Offers Opinion

May 3, 1978

BY KEITH TRAUNER

The Coffrin Committee, soon to issue its report, has apparently decided to recommend that eating in fraternities be abolished several years hence.

As a fraternity member for the last two years, I can only conclude that if this recommendation is implemented as policy, fraternities will die at Middlebury.

I implore all of you - students, faculty, administration, trustees - all those whose minds remain open, to take a few minutes and listen to a fraternity opinion.

The major strength offered by fraternities is their position as an alternative. Athletes whose practices do not finish until 6:30 or 7:00 are grateful for a place to eat where they do not have to run to the SDU's for inferior food (Please, Gary Starr, do not take offense.) Food cooked for 40 people can only surpass that cooked for 200 or 300 or 400. And, at my last glance, the College Dining Service does not offer pies baked from scratch, tomato and cheddar cheese omelettes for breakfast, paella, cookouts on sunny days, or toll-house cookies made with real chocolate chips.

Certainly, in every college or university there are students who prefer an atmosphere other than a Proctor. At Middlebury, these students have been faced with spending large sums due to the 'rebate' structure offered by the College. Fraternities have thus far provided a reasonable alternative.

In the past, the administration has expressed its dissatisfaction by calling fraternities anti-social. In a sense they are. They allow forty people to become very close friends, far closer with more people than one could be on campus eating in Proctor or living in one of the new dorms. However, in the other direction, fraternities have provided many parties well attended by the college community. Most of the students working at the spring weekend concert are fraternity members, who co-sponsor the event with MCAB.

In addition, fraternities here have often shown a rare sense of community togetherness. This past winter, Kappa Delta Rho allowed the town to use its yard as a snow dumping site. Through the years, we have been very active in the community Big-Brother program. All of this emanates from the sense of solidarity and independence that, at Middlebury, only a fraternity can offer.

I ask all of you, if you were a member of Alpha Sigma Psi (Slug), Kappa Delta Rho, or even Zeta Psi, would you wish to live at such a distance without the food and other benefits? And, apparently, the Committee's recommendations will also include an occupancy requirement, which, if not fulfilled, would place random students in the fraternity houses. Many comparisons are made to Dartmouth, where students do not eat at fraternities; yet all Dartmouth fraternity members I have met express surprise and envy when they discover that our fraternities serve food.

Although fraternities are viewed by some as an option whose expense can no longer be tolerated, I view them as an essential roadblock to the increasing homogeneity of the College. When fraternities are cast off, certainly all other special cases will follow. All will eat on campus, all but a very few will live on campus There will be no alternative. Middlebury will have lost many people of initative who were independent enough to seek some identity beyond that of Middlebury College.

Surely, I have not described *all* of the advantages of the fraternity system. And just as surely, I have not attempted a complete defense of our existence. This is 'a fraternity opinion,' my opinion, if you wish : I would like you, the reader, to respect it, not to twist and pull it, not to add to or subtract from it, but simply to read it with an open mind.

Fraternities, clearly, are not for everyone. Yet I would hope that all of you take some time to reflect. Consider, even though you may not be a member, or even like fraternities; Are they an option which should be open to all students should they wish to exercise their choice?

Sit up, take notice, examine the questions, and take a stand.

Hire Back the Bussers

December 7, 1977

BY NANCY COCHRAN

There was a time, once, when students dining at the SDU's were known to pass an entire meal without taking their eyes from their plates. The reason? If they so much as left the table to get a second glass of milk, they would return to find their dinner gone: a victim of the disappearing plate syndrome of over-zealous bussers. This common occurence is sometimes humorous, often annoying, and practically a Middlebury tradition.

But times change, traditions are lost, and the legend of the disappearing plate is fading. Its decline was hastened by a cutback on bussing shifts, which has left bussers with no idle hands, and has unfortunately, left students with no clean tables. These days, plates not only remain on the table while the students are eating, they usually remain there after they've left, and often for the duration of the dinner hours.

The problem this presents is clear: the dining halls are becoming a mess. There are no clean tables for students to sit at, so dirty dishes are piled in heaps in the table centers. Messiness breeds messiness, and the situation results in a less than pleasant dining atmosphere.

A solution is less simple. Certainly the bussers are not at fault here. They are struggling to do an adequate job with the increased numbers of students eating in the dining halls this year. And secondly, one cannot help but sympathise with Gary Starr's efficiency goals of keeping an already bulging student-worker budget from exploding. (Starr is in fact employing no fewer student workers than last year, even though the increased number of diners often make the busser's work ineffective.)

I guess the real question involved is whether or not the bussing system, as it stands at Middlebury, is still effective. It is a system whose purpose lies, at least in part, in supplying a way for students to earn money, and it would be more than unfortunate to lose this means of income. But if the college is not willing to invest enough money in the system to make it work efficiently, it would be better to find a new system before the dining hall atmosphere becomes a disgrace to the school and an irritation to students.

The easiest solution is to rehire a few of the bussers who were cut because of the efficiency program. We need not hire enough to revive the old tradition of plate disappearing, but merely enough to cope with this year's increase in diners, and to keep the dining halls from turning into the mess which they are threatening to become.

To The Editor

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sickness and the individuals suffering from it need help whether from their psyhchiatrist or their respective religious counselors. A group like the Gay People at Middlebury only reinforces the disease that is controlling their minds and bodies.

Anita Bryant started a national campaign this past summer to fight the disease of homosexuality that is trying to surface and infiltrate American society. It is high time for normal people to stand up and put a stop to this ‘in’ liberation movement, this cause celebre.” There is more at stake in the gay rights issue than just the liberty to express one's sexuality as one chooses. There is also the issue of whether or not American society should give tacit approval to such immoral behavior. Hommosexuality has been considered immoral since Biblical times.

The Middlebury college community seems willing to champion any cause that can cloak itself under the veil of being integral to a liberal arts education. I think it is time for the Middlbebury college community to decide if encouraging homosexual behavior is in the best interests of, not only liberal education, but society itself.

JAMES RICHARD EVERETT III

Likewise Disgusted

January 11, 1978

TO THE EDITOR,

I am disgusted by the letter that was entitled “Disgusted” in the December 7, 1977 issue of the Campus. Homosexuality might be a sickness and the individuals suffering from it might need help whether from their psychiatrist or their respective religious counselors. However, the rights of Gay People at Middlebury to organize, express themselves and be recognized in American society must be safeguarded from misguided moralists.

Anita Bryant started a revolting national campaign this past summer to fight the legitimate rights of Gay People. It is high time that normal, intelligent people ignore James Everett's biblical crusade. There is more at stake in the gay rights issue than just the liberty to express one's sexuality as one chooses. There is also the issue of whether or not American society should give the Gay movement the right, inherent in the American tradition, to express its views free of any prejudice or societal interference, regardless of what prejudices the individual members of our society may hold. Homosexuality was considered immoral in Biblical times; yet our judicial system has progressed from “an eye for an eye”—should we not then apply this enlightenment in the same way towards a policy of tolerance consistant with American traditions?

The Middlebury College community should champion such a cause, whether under the veil of a liberal arts education or not. In doing so, we protect a freedom integral to the best interests of Middlebury College and to those of American society itself - the freedom to organize, and express oneself in a free society.

KEVIN WILLIAM LOCKHART McNIFF

Chi Psi Women Speak Out In Defense

January 25, 1978

TO THE EDITOR:

This letter is regarding the Community Council decision to uphold the 1973 ruling, which states that a fraternity must offer living privileges to women if they offer eating and/or social privileges. This rule was no doubt a good one at the time it was made, to prevent the financial exploitation of women in fraternities. However, the danger of financial exploitation is now gone, and the Community Council ruling is working against women on campus, and more directly against women Chi Psi members. Here's why:

At a meeting of Chi Psi's alumni and national representatives held here last October, Middlebury's chapter was presented with an ultimatum: “Do not allow women to live in the house as of September 1978 or the house will be boarded up.” The alumni and representatives were not exaggerating or bluffing. They own the house and will board it up if there is a woman living in Chi Psi this September. Chi Psi National does not officially acknowledge women members, though they do encourage women as social and eating members. But women are not initiated into the national fraternity, so Chi Psi at Middlebury had had women living in the house “illegally” all along. That was what various Chi Psi members told the Community Council at two separate meetings on November 11th and 18th, that there is no alternative, we regret it, but we can't allow women to live at Chi Psi next year.

The Community Council asked why Chi Psi doesn't break away from the national. There are two reasons. The most important is that without financial support from the alumni, Chi Psi could not survive. And the gifts from alumni would cease if Middlebury's Chi Psi split from Chi Psi National. That makes a split with the National out of the question to begin with. Secondly, Chi Psi does not want to leave the National; there are many benefits to be had from being a National member, such as scholarships, job opportunities, etc.

But what Middlebury's Chi Psi was asking the Community Council was “will you somehow amend the rule so women will be permitted to join Chi Psi as eating and social members?” Their answer was no, they voted to uphold the 1973 ruling. In essence, they were voting on a choice between individual freedom of the female student to decide where she wants to eat; and protecting women against discrimination. They voted to protect female students against discrimination, and as a result, no woman may join Chi Psi as an eating or a social member, as of September 1978.

The current women members of Chi Psi are, of course, those most immediately affected. We want to remain members at Chi Psi and obviously are not happy with the Community Council vote. But all women on campus are affected too. Our already limited alternatives to eating on campus are reduced even further.

This letter is to show how Chi Psi women see the situation, and to show everyone that this is not just a fight for Chi Psi's women, but a fight for all of Middlebury's female students, a fight for the principle. The Coffrin Committee is considering the subject, and their decision may influence the Community Council decision. So we, the women of Chi Psi, are circulating a petition to gain support from the student body for our campaign, which will be presented to the Coffrin Committee. We would like to see the option of eating at Chi Psi left open to women also.

THE WOMEN OF CHI PSI

Plaudits For Midd

May 10, 1978

TO THE EDITOR:

Although I am a member of the Middlebury College faculty, I'm writing as a “townie” to the college students who have participated in activities in the town of Middlebury to the benefit of all of us.

My children have had so many opportunities because you have worked in the schools, recreation department, girl scouts, and the churches. Big—Brother, Big—Sister program is one of the most successful volunteer programs anywhere, thanks to you. The accomplishments of the Board of the Counseling Service, our church choir, and so many other groups in town would not be what they are if you had not been part of these groups.

To those of you who are graduating: thank you and we will miss you very much. To those of you are returning next fall: thank you and we look forward to having you work with us next year.

BETSY BENNETT

Playing The Dating Game

November 30, 1977

TO THE EDITOR:

We hate to ask an indiscreet question, but whatever happened to dating at Middlebury College? It does exist at other colleges, and we think it's time we took a good look at the reasons for its absence here.

Is it the size of the school? Maybe there are too few people to choose from.

Is it the homogeneity of the school? They say opposities attract so maybe we are too similar.

Is it the living arrangements? Maybe the coed dorms breed indifference to people of the opposite sex.

However, there are many smaller schools that are just as homogenous and have the same living arrangements that don't seem to have this problem.

Another possible reason is the workload. There is a lot of pressure here and perhaps that leaves too little time for dating. But don't tell us that no other college has such high academic expectations.

Social life does exist at Middlebury. We are not denying that. But all of the available social activities are done in groups. This is fine, but we would also like to see some casual dating. It seems like the only available dating options here are serious long-term relationships or nothing. As the Insider's Guide to Colleges says about Middlebury, “Relations between the sexes don't seem to exist, unless one is seriously ‘going out’ with someone.”

Guys have suggested that girls ask them out. Although in these liberated days this is indeed possible, many girls are still hesitant to do this, having been brought up with the traditional view that the guys should ask the girls out. We would like to suggest that if members of both sexes would just make an effort, maybe casual dating would be rediscovered.

NAMES WITHHELD BY REQUEST

All College What?

TO THE EDITOR:

I was extremely disappointed and disillusioned at what I experienced at the recent All-College Meeting Night. The handbook states that the purpose of the meetings is “to encourage participation by a greater proportion of majors in the concerns of the respective departments.” There were about forty students present at the Political Science meeting, unfortunately the majority of them were not upper classmen who had chosen PoliSci as their definite major.

The Handbook states that, “The meetings will begin with discussion of the department's and advisory council's progress during the previous half-year.” However, the Student Chairman of the Political Science advisory council was unable and unwilling to give us any indication of what went on during the department's council meetings. This made it impossible for sophomore nominees to explain why they wanted to be on the council other than their interest in Political Science as a major, and a desire to be more involved in the department. It became painfully apparent to the four nominees that they were expected to explain more specifically why they wanted to be on the council. Having been given no conception of the council's purpose by the chairman, they had no guide on which to base their answers. The hostile atmosphere at the meeting made it even more difficult for the nominees to respond.

One of the major purposes of the meeting was to learn about the Political Science department. I therefore expected a discussion about the different aspects of the department and about being a Polysci major. Not only was the meeting uninformative, it also left the students with an unfavorable impression of All-College Meeting Night. I would like to reassure the freshmen, who were in the majority at the meeting, that this meeting is no reflection on the quality of the Political Science Department.

The Student Chairman of the department's advisory council ran the meeting poorly, allowing the “brief review of major business conducted by Student Forum” to occupy almost all of the meeting. This unfortunately happened in many other department meetings. I believe that Department Professors should run the All-College Night meetings while allowing a student from the department's advisory council a few minutes to speak. The format of All-College Meeting Night should also be changed. Students should be given an overall view of the department including the specific requirements of the major and also job possibilities available to majors after graduation. College Night should continue to exist, however, it should be much better organized and more informative and interesting.

JULIA BARTON

Petty Politics

TO THE EDITOR:

I rebel against the petty, insignificant type of politics that has polluted the Chi Psi problems concerning its women members, their National fraternity, and its local Association. I especially protest against the College Administration and Community Council having to meddle with an issue that is beyond their responsibility.

The battle should be kept between the active members of Chi Psi, the women members, and the Alumni and National Chi Psi organizations. The Community Council and the Administration should be silent!

Why do groups automatically assume themselves the moral and social watchdogs of our community? Isn't it a bit condescending to the women of this college administrative groups have to ‘protect’ them? Some people can make life so difficult.

JOHN JACOBS
PRESIDENT SIGMA EPSILON

Chicken Muffins

April 26, 1978

TO THE EDITOR:

We are concerned about the diet of the students at Middlebury College. It has come to our attention that chicken is underrepresented as an entree at the college dining halls.

To remedy this situation, we recommend that chicken muffins be added to the breakfast menus of Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday. Chicken muffins would provide a unique and pleasing addition to out normally bland diet.

This should not exclude the possibility of offering chicken in other imaginative ways. For instance, chicken sauce could be substituted for chocolate sauce every other Sunday. We feel that the potential for experimentation is endless.

We hope that Gary Starr will seriously consider our suggestion and that student support will be forthcoming.

SHARON FLACK, '79
DONNA BREWER, '79

The Sheldon Museum: Yesterday On Display

BY BETSY MANIFOLD

Despite the Sheldon Museum's proximity to Middlebury's various drinking establishments, few students have ever explored this Village Museum.

Founded by Henry Sheldon in 1882, this three-level nineteenth century (1829) homestead is the oldest incorporated Village Museum in America. Located next door to Store II, the museum in within easy walking distance of the college, closer than more frequented town establishments like the Rosebud and the Alibi.

Monetary wealth did not build the museum Henry Sheldon, who had a passion and ability to collect things, collected "vanloads of obsolete pianos, a dozen grandfather clocks, odd chairs by the score, and enough books for a public library", according to Mrs. Nina Mudge, the museum directress. With these items and with what he convinced people to donate or loan, he started the Sheldon Museum. Some items have been on loan for over 90 years.

The inner structure is no longer in "museum" arrangement as it once was. Its home-like display reflects "the manner of life of a typical New England community of the 1800's."

The museum is open daily (except Sunday and holidays) from 10a.m. to 5p.m. until October 15th. After the fifteenth, the winter hours are by appointment only (802-388-2117). There is an admission charge of $1.00 for adults and .50 for children. This income is needed to maintain and staff the museum.

All museum tours are conducted by Mrs. Mudge and her assistants. This service brings the tour to life as guides answer any questions concerning the collection and frequently fill in details of Middlebury history and Vermont life. Some references are made to the newspapers of the period bringing everyday life of past eras a little bit closer to today.

An entire collection of bound copies of Middlebury newspapers as well as books, pamphlets and manuscripts are located at the Sheldon Museum fire-safe Library and Research Center. These facilities are available to serious researchers and may be used by contacting the Museum for more details.

Everyone finds his own treasures in the Sheldon homestead. There are, however, several features of particular interest. The huge black marble fireplace from a quarry in Shoreham, Vermont is unique. Its black marble is one of few pieces ever found and is virtually impossible to find today.

The "borning" room, the warmest room in the house where babies are born, leads into the high-ceilinged kitchen with an open brick hearth and side oven which takes up an entire wall. The back rooms of the house include an early country store and all its paraphenalia, including a 19th Century mousetrap and an old marble-top bar from the Middlebury Inn.

The upper levels include bedrooms and an interesting game room. Various paintings of past Middlebury residents, some done by itinerant artist, Benjamin Franklin Mason (1804-1871), are found on the walls, as well as various prints and posters such as "Long Live the Republic!! July 4th Picnic, 1865."

The college has several ties to the museum. After Henry Sheldon's death, the museum remained in tact and in the hands of the trustees, but was rarely shown. In 1930, Stores Lee, Dean of the College, sparded ne interest in the museum. Due to his concern and the concern of others, the museum has progressed to its current state.

Even now, Paul Claudon, Economics Professor, is called upon to fix the museum's clocks and Mr. Catton and Mr. Andres serve on its Library Committee. Many other exchanges have taken place as the museum's storehouse of the past continues to give up new treasures. Recently, prints of the Middlebury bridge in progress were discovered.

Many seniors doing theses and researchers have discovered a wealth of history at the Sheldon Museum. It is unfortunate that for most students, it's only a place to pass on the way to somewhere else. If you need an excuse, it would be a great place to take little brothers and sisters, parents and visitors. Do not, however, spend time making up an excuse--just go to the Sheldon Museum.

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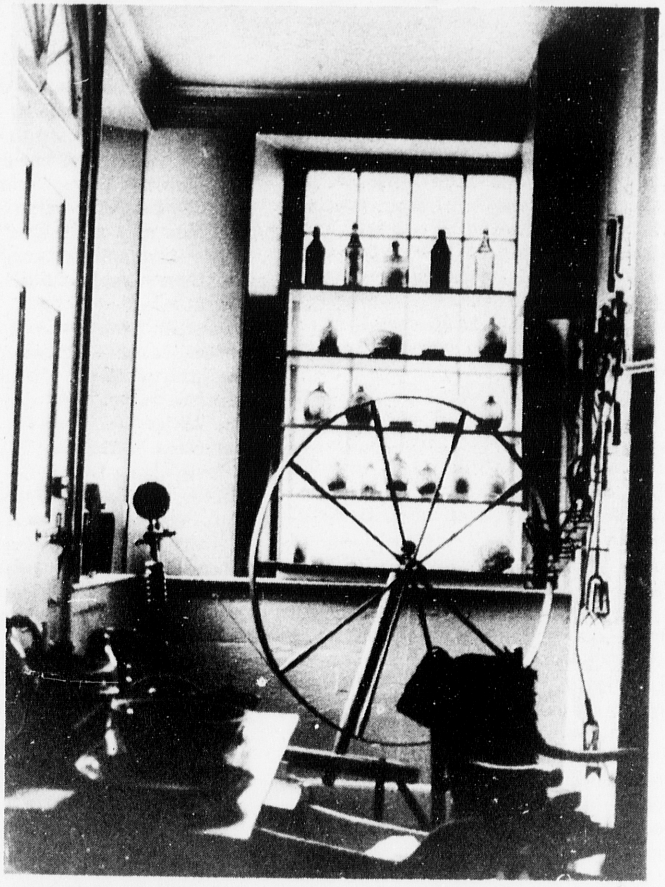

Art and artifacts on display in the Sheldon Museum.

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"Insiders' Guide" Draws Small But Articulate Response

BY RICK LEGRO January 25, 1978

A recent article in NEW YORK TIMES Educational Review asked the question, "How can anyone feel the same about a once-favored New England College after having read in this book that on its campus, 'there is little sense of intellectual excitement, let alone concern for the outside world . . . social life is strained . . . Relations between the sexes don't seem to exist unless one is seriously 'going out' with someone' . . . Weekend life is not particularly varied . . . Drinking abounds . . . livers will soon be rotting."

The "once favored New England college" is Middlebury College, and the book from which those choice quotes are drawn is THE INSIDERS GUIDE TO THE COLLEGES. The guide, compiled and edited by the staff of THE YALE DAILY NEWS boldly declares on its cover "Written by students, for students - What the colleges are really like."

The guide attempts to go beyond the basic description of colleges given in other guides such as Barron's and Lovejoy's by giving an accurate reflection of the college's personality.

The book's introduction states "In selecting a college, one must always remember that the college experience per se has only a coincidental relation to education . . . Most important college experiences take place in the clubs, football stadiums, bars and dormitories, they take place during summer vacations, and after midnight. They take place during occasional flings of self-indulgent irresponsibility." The main focus of the Yale guide is on the social situation at the colleges.

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Middlebury's description was written by a former Middlebury student. It must be taken seriously, not only because of the authorship, but also because the book has sold quarter of a million copies.

One hundred copies of the Insiders Guide description of Middlebury were sent out to randomly selected students, along with a brief note asking for a written response. Only twenty one students and three out of seven selected college officials replied.

The length of responses varied from a two word "Amazingly Accurate" to a one and a half page single spaced typewritten reply. There was a direct correlation between the length of the responses and the degree to which Middlebury was defended. Nine people felt the description was "fair," fifteen felt it was "unfair." Individual responses to specific statements in the article varied greatly. This article will examine the reaction to these specific statements.

Little Sense of Intellectual Excitement

This statement aroused the ire of many students who viewed it as the antithesis of a high quality liberal arts education.

One student wrote, "Obviously this guy (author of Midd description) was not around for the Fifteen Friday Series, The Thursday Series, The Concert Series, The Winter Term Lecture Series, The Abernathy Lecture, has never been to a Cubeta Shakespeare class, or listened to a Pardon Tillinghast lecture, or talked to Saul or Winkler over at the Science Center. He must not have heard of Robert Frost or Breadloaf....'

Another student echoed similar sentiments: "Around course selection time, 'good" courses, though they may entail a lot of work, are the popular ones.....Drama Productions and movies attract many students and discussion of these cultural events go beyond simple evaluations of performances to a consideration of theme and meaning."

Students who felt there was little sense of intellectual excitement generally just acknowledged it without explaining further. One student listed as reasons for his dissatisfaction: "Most courses in note/lecture form, uninspiring teachers, students only interested in acquiring information and good grades—which will lead them to good jobs and a comfortable life later."

Another person who agreed with the lack of academic excitement blamed it on the heavy workload. "Students are under pressure to get work done quickly and efficiently. The people I know seem more interested in finishing their work than actually doing it."

A few of those who responded saw little or no excitement rising out of the students themselves, due to their occupation with other activities. One student elaborated: "Excitement over sports and other outdoor activities seem to take away from intellectualizing."

Students are nonpolitical

A wide variety of responses to this claim was received due primarily to different understandings of what it means to be "political" and different beliefs in the importance of such. One student went as far as to say: "I don't think that political apathy is necessarily bad," but she went on to say that the political situation at Middlebury was not as bad as the author had described it.

Another student wrote: "The author of this article has an odd way of mixing political motivation with the qualities that go into the making of a good student." Another exasperated reply: "The article makes it seem like Middlebury's quality of education is similar to learning Latin—sure it's great to know but will it help modern day society. Hey just because we live in Vermont doesn't mean that we are hermits! There are going to be kids everywhere who simply have no interest in political problems facing the world."

Middlebury's geographic isolation may be a buffer zone from the problems affecting the world. But several people cited volatile issues which have concerned students during the course of the year. Among those mentioned: The Panama Canal, the Arab—Israeli situation, gay rights, women's rights, energy conservation, world hunger and environmental issues

Others saw the school's isolation as channeling students' political motivation into college and local issues, creating a greater awareness of them than at other schools. "Political issues tend to be college issues not national issues" as one student said. Several of the more heated issues raised over the course of the year were mentioned: support and rally for Professor John Conron, the cry over the problems of Winter Term, the fight over food rebates, over concentrations and foundation courses, over meal hours, student reaction to Bridges' resignation and to President Robinson's Martin Luther King Day speech.

Some saw the author's perceived lack of political motivation at Middlebury measured against the super charged activism of the sixties. One student summed up: "The lack of awareness he condemns us with is characteristic of most of our generation. The protests of the 60's are gone. Instead we sign petitions, fast, and give money and old clothes to United Way."

One person regretted the lack of radicalism and railed against what he saw as dominating conservatism among students and administration: "There are a few potential radical organizations...but they attract little support from the student body.... Possibly the statement should take even more notice of the traditional and conservative attitudes of both students and administration, for administration allows for only minimal input frustrating many protestors. This paternalistic attitude should be mentioned."

Homogenous student body

"WASP" was a common term used for describing Middlebury's student body. One student wrote: "WASPISM is a serious problem. Financial aid has increased slightly to about 25 percent, but there is a great deficiency in minority enrollment. Upper middle class WASPS abound."

> *"It is obviously an overgeneralized, superficial view. I know who (the author was) and he was a very disaffected person who was critical of everything. It's too bad to have such people present Middlebury to the general public."*

But as students pointed out there is a wide diversity within this group. One student lamented, "If more people would look closely at people instead of at clothes, they might find more diversity in the student body than they might have thought." Another pointed out the effects of wealth aren't necessarily damning, "There are wealthy kids here but look at the waiting list of people who want to work at Proctor (of all places.)

He went on, "There are jocks, fourth floor Stewart girls, choir people, science nuts, skiers, bicyclists, gays, straights, English majors, senior history paranoids, pre-meds, dancers, Proctor groupies, preppies, Slug studs. public school people, frisbee throwers, people people, loners and even these are gross generalizations of a great mass of individuals."

Still, most people felt the student body in terms of sheer diversity was too homogenous. Several explained it as a result of the school's emphasis on a pure liberal arts education, it s selectivity, and it s rural location, which are by nature going to attract a certain type of candidate.

Several resented the remark in the article that Middlebury would turn into "a finishing school" for children of doctors, lawyers, and business executives. But one student, a senior, envisioned Middlebury as well on its way to such a state. "In the four years that I have been here, I have seen Middlebury become more homogenous in terms of appearance and background, with each successive class. Who knows how homogenous the place is becoming in terms of assumptions and aspirations?"

> *"This is an intense place. It is highly competetive, people compete more against themselves than against each other. There are those whose release for such tension is a long night down at the bars. There are those who jock it out of their systems. There are those who cannot relax at all."*

Director of Admissions, Fred Neuberger, responded to the article but did not reply specifically to the criticism of the admissions policy.

Strained relations

There are so many individual attitudes towards members of the opposite sex that it is difficult to make any generalizations in this area. Many who responded criticized the Insiders description for failing to recognize that close friendships between the sexes exist and that there is little social pressure to date

But according to some even these close friendships can lead to strain. One person wrote, "There are some well established cliques that do strain relationships and create an odd incestuous attitude and feeling among those people in the clique. Every once in a while everyone will take one step to the right and swap partners. This creates a lot of strain."

Most people acknowledge a certain formality present, but also noted the individual option to rise above it. Many blamed the formality not on individual immaturity, but "social immaturity." As one person transformed the statement from the Insiders Guide, "Also instead of boys and girls playing at being men and women—men and women playing at being boys and girls."

Though the decision to open up with another person or the ability to form meaningful relationships eventually rests on the individual, certain aspects of Middlebury were noted that inhibits this. One person wrote, "This is an intense place. It is highly competitive, people compete against themselves more than each other. There are those whose release for such tension is a long night down at the bars. There are those who jock it out of their systems. There are those who cannot relax at all."

Another person saw "too much forced association" in terms of rooming situations, which led to "no privacy in crowded conditions... making people tighten up inside—not wanting people to know what they are really like."

The smallness of the school may be another factor, which leaves little covered for long and personal intimacy, soon becomes the object of group knowledge. One person, in his own unique tone expressed it best: "When two people are constantly seen together (of opposite sexes) the chances are about 90% that they're (sleeping together). Everyone seems to know who's doing it to whom. Some excel in keeping track."

But the smallness of the school also means a certain security. One person saw a saving grace in this, "Despite the faults I like the atmosphere at Middlebury. It is a very secure one. I only hope the shock of the outside world after graduation is not too great."

Drinking abounds

That there is an abundance of alchohol in Middlebury no one attempted to refute. One student noted the extent of it, "Parties are not only advertised by time, place, and price, but also by the type of alcohol to be served. The very notion of making it through the week so you can attend FADC reinforces this idea." But several people noted the preponderance of alchohol is common at most colleges, and abused to a greater extent other places than here.

There seems to be a direct relation between the degree of drinking and the amount of tension and reservation a person feels. One person identified this: "Drinking abounds—yes, it also makes you relax and open up." And then, of course, there is the location argument, "Many potential alchoholics are enrolled

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Photo by Richard Tarlov.

November 9, 1978 — Rustic tranquility of Vermont autumn reflects upon itself.

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here, but this could easily result from Midd's isolation. There just isn't much to do here."

Quality of description

Many people spent much effort criticizing the bitterness of the author's allegations. One person wrote, "I'm sorry that the Insider's Guide chose to give Middlebury such a damning review. Many of the observations are based in truth, but warped by numerous and/or sensationalist intent. Even the most jaded of Middlebury's 'victims' could not truthfully say that this is an accurate portrait of college life here." Even a person basically in agreement with the author admitted, "In general, this is a fairly accurate, though poorly written commentary."

Many felt that while the author touched upon the truth in much of his fault-finding, his one-sided description left out many of the college's assets. Many felt the academic side deserved a more thorough build-up. Others felt the wide variety of group activities were ignored. Dean Lindholm wrote, "...he might have made more of the extent to which students volunteer their time in town activities."

Dean Wonnacott also felt that, "It is obviously an overgeneralized, superficial view." She went further to state, "I know who wrote the last Middlebury copy for The Insider's Guide and he was a disaffected person who was critical of everything. It's too bad to have such people present Middlebury to the general public."

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Whether prospective applicants or any one who reads this description and is being turned off is hard to assauge. One person ended his response with "Beware 250,000 readers," but it is uncertain whether he meant beware because of the accuracy of the review or beware its inaccuracy. Several people wrote they had read a similar commentary in The Insider's Guide when they were applying which apparently didn't dissuade them.

Others noted the article would have steered them away from Middlebury. One student wrote, "Had I read such a misrepresentation four years ago I never would have considered the school."

Another person felt "Any potential applicant to the college would certainly be dis-couraged from fairly looking at the school and it's merits."

And another concluded, "My God! This article is going to have prospective Middlebury applicants thinking that we're all unmotivated, freaked out, rich 'unsocially agressive' orgy fiends!!"

According to the Insiders' Guide...

Middlebury College is safely ensconced in the torpor of the Seventies. Students for the most part, work diligently. There is, however, little sense of intellectual excitement, let alone concern for the outside world. Shielded on one side by the Adirondacks and on the other side by the Green Mountains, Middlebury students tend to claim they have become nonpolitical-contrasting the evanescence of the political system with the permanence of the college's splendid natural setting.

But there really is no reason for Middlebury students to be politically motivated. Many are content to grind away, and with the college's heavy emphasis on academics, this decision is not an unreasonable one. One can have a very fine education if he takes the right courses at Middlebury. Most departments are good; some are outstanding. The college is famous for its foreign language and literature programs. English, political science, and Russian are particularly fine. Warning: psychology and classics are very weak departments.

Social life at Middlebury is strained. People tend to be reserved and do not easily open up to each other. Relations between the sexes don't seem to exist, unless one is seriously 'going out' with someone. A ridiculously high percentage of students end up marrying each other as a result of the immanent formality (despite outward informality) of social relations. Middlebury boys and girls like to play at being men and women. This is due to the admissions policy of the college, which seems to be particularly uninspired. Middlebury has always been and will always be composed predominately of wealthy, upper-class WASPs. However, with the economy in bad shape and financial aid severely limited, the situation is bound to increase. Middlebury may in the near future turn into a finishing school for prep-school daughters and sons of of corporate executives, doctors, and lawyers.

Weekend life is not particularly varied. College dances and fraternity parties are staples. Drinking abounds. At the rate Middlebury students drink, livers will soon be rotting. Hard drugs are not at all popular. LSD and mescaline are hard to find. Dope smoking is popular, but after all, dope has become just another form of middle-class fun, like beer and psychoanalysis.

All in all, things at Middlebury are not so idyllic. But if one is to put up with the college's serious problems with a sense of humor, a very fine undergraduate education is available. And perhaps Middlebury's problems are not Middlebury's alone.

Students Find Dark Ages Experience Enlightening

November 30, 1977

BY JOHN MACKENNA

What were sixteen students and one professor from Middlebury College doing at a monastery in Quebec? Had the rigors of college life driven them into retreat? No, the group was participating in a course on the civilization of the Dark Ages and visited the monastery to get a first hand look at monastic life, which was an important feature of life in that time.

The group, led by Professor Pardon Tillinghast (History), recently spent a weekend as St.-Benoit-du-Lac, a small monestary just over the Canadian border, north of Newport, Vermont.

According to Tillinghast, "While life on the outside has changed a lot since the sixth century, life inside the Benedictine monasteries has remained almost the same. This monastery is the only place where we can still see how some people lived in the Dark Ages."

In 535AD, St. Benedict wrote a code of rules for monastic life, and in the following centuries monastic communities based on his code spread all over Europe. These communities were the only centers of intellectual life in a barbaric world. Only in their monasteries did people study and preserve the culture of the Roman Empire. Had it not been fo the Benedictine order, there would be almost no history of Europe before 1000A.D.

The students on the trip were, overall, very impressed by the monks, particularly by their commitment to such a rigorous life. Once a Bendictine has taken his vows, he is committed to live his entire life in the same monastery which he has joined. The daily routine of the monks is practically devoid of variety. There are five services each day, the first beginning at 5 a.m. and the last at 7:45 p.m. In between services and meals, the monks study and work and pray.

Most of them read voraciously, anything from newspapers and magazines to books from their library which contains 75,000 volumes and Latin. Both of the monks who spoke with the students demonstrated a surprisingly acute understanding of current events.

This monastery is more than just a home for the monks. It is a well known and popular retreat with overnight facilities for about one hundred guests. In addition, the community maintains its own cheese factory and apple orchard. Although the monks number less than seventy, they do almost all the work in these facilities. St.-Benoit is also a world-renowned center of Gregorian Chant.

For the visitor, the monastery is above all else, tranquil. The Benedictines are an introverted and passive group, and they have tremendous respect for the individuality and privacy of their guests. In this respect, they are on the opposite extreme from the crusading Jehovah's Witness Christians.

In fact, the rule of St. Benedict states that any guest should be treated as though he were Jesus Christ himself. Each guest has his hands washed before the first meal by the abbot or chief priest of the monastery.

For the men in the group, the most bizarre part of the experience was the meals. The male guests eat in the monk's dining room, seated at a long table in the center of the room, while all the monks sit around the outside of the room facing their guests. Guests and monks alike are forbidden to speak while they eat. The only voice heard is that of the chanter, who chants in a drone-like voice throughout the meal.

The women were housed and fed in separate quarters adjacent to the monastery. To enter the men's quarters, a woman must have personal permission from the Vatican.

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governments. He suggested that any company doing substantial business in a repressive country should be expected to comply with the Sullivan Statement. Dean of Sciences Russell Leng countered that, although other countries have repressive governments, South Africa is the only large and powerful government that represses people on the basis of color.

Marc Eichen, a geography instructor, originally proposed at the February Faculty meeting that the college divest itself of its holdings in firms that do business in South Africa. Eichen's proposal was defeated in favor of Leng's proposal. Leng's motion distinguishes between firms that do and do not do substantial business in South Africa, and between firms that do and do not subscribe to the Sullivan statement.

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College Purchases Potential Bypass Lands

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agreement to buy the land and had placed a $1,000 deposit on it.

The College made the land purchases through the Delineation Corporation, a dummy corporation set up for legal purposes. A 115 acre area, known as Williamson Heights, was purchased for approximately $115,000. It stretches between Happy Valley and Painter Roads.

Another 15 acre plot of land, owned by Lawrence and Shirley Roberts, a South Burlington couple, was purchased for $25,000. The land is located near Seminary Street.

For several years, the Williamson Heights section was being considered for development by Addison Associates, a private developing firm. The developers ran into a barrage of red tape because of sewage problems that development plans would have created, and finally decided to put the land up for sale.

Student and faculty reaction to the land purchases range from 'an underhanded and sneaky deal that clearly approaches influence peddling' to 'an absolute praiseworthy action necessary to avoid destroying the rural flavor of Middlebury College by an ugly and noisy highway.'

In a random survey of thirty students conducted by the CAMPUS last week, support ran 4 to 1 in favor of the land purchases. A considerable number of students on campus, however, are unaware of the land purchases.

Two weeks ago, Middlebury Board of Selectman Chairman Karl Neuse accused the College of making a 'blatant power play,' and told the ADDISON COUNTY INDEPENDENT that 'the implications of the purchase are monumental and that it would make a tremendous impact on the town.' The purchase disrupts plans that the town had already made for a sewage system in the area.

In a prepared statement released to the press, College President Olin Robison outlined the College's position.

'The College has no immediate plans for the land except to keep it in its current developable state. However, it is well known that the College favors an easterly bypass of Route 7. It is the College's desire, through acquisition of this land and the possible acquisition over time of other properties, to insure the availability of land on the Eastern side of the Town if and when the State and Town make a decision about the bypass.'

Robison also mentioned that the College, a tax-exempt institution, would make no effort to remove the land from the town's tax roles.

According to the VALLEY VOICE newspaper, Middlebury selectman Peg Martin is another person upset with the College's actions. She told the VOICE, 'I disklike the kind of heavily implied power-wielding that's going on....I would hope that this would not affect the decision about possible bypass routes being made by the town. To her, the College is making it quite explicit that the easterly route is the only route that will be tolerated, and that the College will 'make it very, very difficult' for the westerly route to be built.

Middlebury Vermont State Representative CC Hester Ketcham also scorned the College's actions. He blasted the land deals in a stinging letter sent to Vermont's Secretary of Transportation which was reprinted in the VALLEY VOICE, calling a college which exists for 'educational purposes...somewhat high handed in attempting to influence the ultimate decision on the bypass location.'

The conflict over the 15 acre plots arose because Rouse, the town resident, had already scheduled a closing of the plot on January 3. He was advised suddenly, however, that the land was no longer for sale on December 22. No explanation was offered. Rouse had agreed to pay $18,000; the College paid $25,000 for it.

The College was not aware of any of this, and Robison again told the VALLEY VOICE that if indeed a contract had been broken, the College did not want anything to do with the land purchase .

Controversy Mars Route 7 History

January 11, 1978

By DUSTY MCNICHOL

Since September 19, 1973, when the State Highway Planning Division sponsored a meeting to hear proposals for the future of Route 7, debate over the best manner in which to conduct development of that road has been carried on.

No matter what form the expansion of Route 7 takes, be it westerly by-pass, easterly by-pass, or redevelopment of the present route, that expansion will require federal funds, and will hence be subject to certain restrictions. Notable among these restrictions is that the new road will have to have property rights sufficient to allow for a four lane roadway.

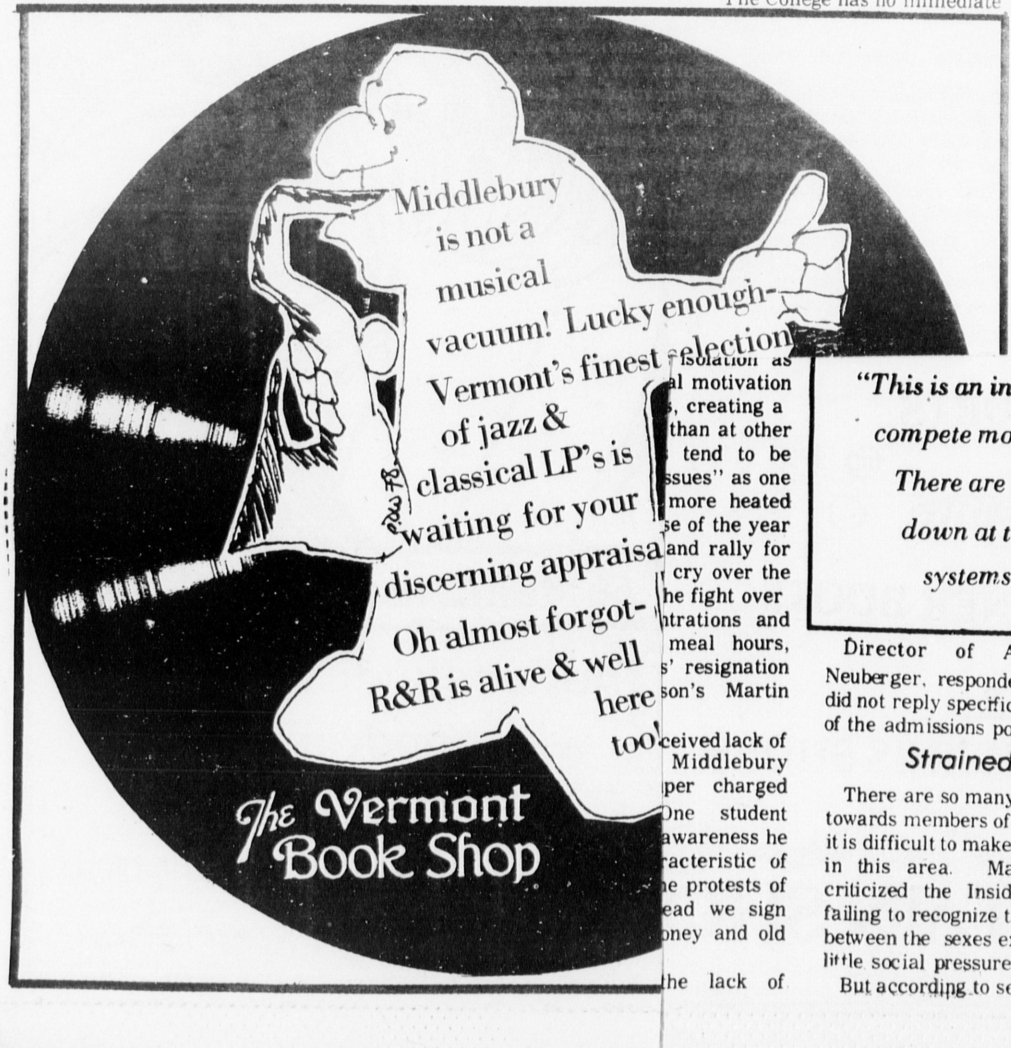
That restriction makes development of the present road, which passes through the center of town, an unappealing prospect, and planners have therefore investigated ways to reroute Route 7 so that it by-passes Middlebury center.

From the start of discussions, the College has spoken out in favor of an easterly by-pass. The college's position is based on the fact that a westerly by-pass would send the road across the fields behind the Milliken, Hadley, Lang and Kelly dorms. The proposed westerly road would intersect Route 125 at the base of the hill just west of the college. From there the road would proceed in a northeasterly direction to rejoin the present Route 7 just north of the Kraft cheese factory.

An easterly by-pass which would leave the present Route 7 about one quarter mile south of Middlebury Union High School. The proposed road would cut northeast across the Seminary Street Extension, meeting that road at a point about one half mile beyond Noyes Evergreen Shop. The highway would then proceed northwest across Washington Street, and rejoin the present Route 7 at the same spot as would the proposed easterly route.

Supporters of the westerly by-pass claim that the town of Middlebury can only grow to the east, and that to construct an easterly by-pass would stifle that growth.

Those in favor of the easterly route cite cost (an estimated 3.4 million dollars for the easterly by-pass as opposed to 11.4 million for the westerly route) and the fact that a westerly by-pass would consume 277 acres of open land.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tries they visited. He spoke of life there as being "predetermined", offering little opportunity to break out of the mold. Since the state considers each person an investment, he explained, they make it very difficult for anyone to leave.

The reality of this was forcefully demonstrated by another experience the two underwent. Before their trip, Drucker had worked with a Bulgarian who had fled his native country 13 years ago, and who has since had a difficult time corresponding with his relatives in Bulgaria. Drucker offered to contact his family, and was carrying pictures and letters to them from his friend.

Upon arriving in the town, however, the two met with an unusual reception. They were kept waiting for a long time while their hotel room was being prepared . A hotel employee finally returned, accompanied by the friend's father, who was "noticeably nervous," and at first denied that he had a son living in America.

In the hotel room, they were joined by the friend's sister and by an interpreter. The family, said Drucker, was still feeling the repercussions of their son's having fled. They asked questions about his life in America, where they had imagined him to be "living in hell."

After the family left, the interpreter remained to talk. He had himself fled Bulgaria several years before, and had returned on the mistaken assumption that as an Australian citizen he could not be thrown in jail. The three talked "very frankly" about the State, the interpreter expressing his strong negative feelings, Drucker and Boyd said.

"We never saw him again," added Drucker . Although they had arranged to meet the interpreter the next day, he never showed up. When they tried to find out where he was, they got conflicting reports that led them nowhere.

When Boyd and Drucker were ready to leave the town, they had trouble obtaining their passports from the hotel, who at first claimed that they "were lost."

Drucker's Bulgarian friend in America feels that the hotel room was probably bugged, which explains the unusually long time it took to "prepare" the room. Chances are, he said, that the interpreter was detained or arrested.

The unfortunate incident left the two with an increased appreciation for "the things you usually take for granted."

"We were so happy to get out of there," Drucker exclaimed, "and really glad to be American. It may sound trite, but you don't realize what your freedom is until you're suddenly without it."

Boyd agreed that this sort of encounter "really ate at you." In summing up his feelings about the trip, he commented, "We enjoyed it, and learned a lot-the kind of learning you don't get here. We were also really glad to be done. We came out of it with a feeling of accomplishment, but also with one of relief that it was behind us."

Drucker has since received a letter from the U.S. embassy in Romania, telling him that a man they met on their trip has applied for an exit visa, and has named him as a sponsor who will help him find a job and a place to stay.

"Giving that person a chance at a new life," he concluded , "in itself makes the whole trip worthwhile."

Special Ski Program Is A Big Success

March 8, 1978

By MARK EFINGER

Last October Debbie Daniels, a Middlebury College senior, brought to the first meeting of the Snow Bowl Ski School an unprecedented idea: to start a skiing instruction group for exceptional children.

Daniels had already spoken with Jean Littlefield and Judy Taylor, two women who work at the Shannon Street School, about her idea, and had received positive feedback. When Daniels mentioned her idea to Dwight Dunning, Director of the Ski School, he pursued the idea by investigating fees and rental possibilities.

Mike Kieran, the Principal of Shannon Street School, had some funds at his disposal, and as a result the idea blossomed into a program.

Throughout the fall Daniels talked to members of the ski School about teaching exceptional children. She also recruited volunteers from the college to help with the instruction. Ian Douglas, a sophomore at Middlebury, picked up on Daniels idea and added to the alpine program a cross country group at Breadloaf.

Since Christmas the entire older class at Shannon, plus a few advanced younger students have spent one hour each Friday afternoon skiing. When the program started, few of the students had ever been on skies. None had ever skiied anywhere other than a neighborhood hill.

Now, after seven hours of instruction, they have all mastered the poma lift slope, and several are breezing down the Voter trail from the top of the chair lift.

"At first," explained Daniels, "There was some apprehension. A few of the kids stood at the bottom with their arms folded saying 'Not me.' But that was just for attention." Soon they were all helping and encouraging one another and learning quickly.

Gary Schiff, one of the instructors, said, "These kids are here to have fun. They don't want to compete with one another; they just want to ski." Alison Osius, another instructor , added, "They rarely complain, and then it's only about the equipment." Dunning commented, "Their attitude is great. They're as pleasant, if not a good deal more so, than some of our doctors and lawyers from Long Island."

The instructors were not the only ones handing out the compliments. One student told me, "I like Gary, 'cause he lets us go slow," to which another youngster added, "No, he lets us go fast. That's why I like him". Schiff smiled, explaining, "I guess we've hit the happy medium".

"Fun is the key word," said Schiff, "We don't talk much, and we aren't technical. Tips and tails have become fronts and backs. We just ski and have fun."

Next weekend, however, several of the students will add some competition to their fun. The Special Olympics in downhill skiing and cross country are being held at Burke Mountain.

Anticipating success, one young competitor announced, "I want to go to the Special Olympics and then I'll be ready to come back here and take the jump."

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Vermont autumn reflects upon itself

October 26, 1977

ADA Promotes Awareness

By CAROLA WILDER

In an effort to bring political awareness and activism to Middlebury, Bob Carolla,'78 is attempting to establish a chapter of Americans for Democratic Action (ADA).

Thirteen people showed up for the first two meetings of Tuesday and Thursday October 4 and 6. Although fifteen dues—paying members are needed ($5 dues for students, $20 for others) the interested students are less concerned with ADAmembership than with using ADA procedures and contacts to influence policy—makers in Washington.

ADA, which terms itself an "independent, liberal political organization", was formed in 1947 to safeguard the social progress made in the New Deal Era. As America moved into the ultra—conservative and often paranoic fifties, ADA was "a lightening rod for conservative attack" according to Carolla.

It was at this time that Hubert Humphrey, George McGovern, Andrew Young, Adlai Stevenson, Arthur Schlessinger, and Walter Mondale got involved in ADA's efforts to further the cause of civil liberties. Although ADA is officially non-partisan it is usually associated with the Democrats simply because of the way respective policies of the Republicans and Democrats have evolved.

Persecution of the ADA that started during the fifties carried onto the sixties when in 1967 ADA shocked the nation by suggesting that the US withdraw from Vietnam. This anti—war, anti Johnson stance alienated some of its most prominent members. Consistent with the ADA's proclamation that it is "not afraid to make people angry, if only we can make them think—— and act" the ADA was the first organization to call for Nixon's resignation.

ADA has 50,000 members in thirty-—five states and local chapters. All members are eligible to go to the group's conventions which occur five or six times a year in Washington D.C. The resolutions passed at these conventions constitute the ADA platform and it is the job of the ADA executive board to implement these policies on a day to day basis. Coordination of nationwide ADA operations is also handled by this board.

The Young Caucus of the ADA has 10 representatives on this board. Carolla was appointed to this group last year.

ADA has many methods for stimulating social change through congressional or administrative channels. They employ three lobbyists on Capitol Hill and organize letter and petition drives from among their membership.

Rightest/Conservative political groups have recently become effective in influencing government decisions. This development has added new incentives for real political action, since it is this force that the ADA has traditionally opposed. An article on this topic appeared on the October issue of **Time** magazine.

Three major issues of immediate interest to ADA members at the present time include ratification of the Panama Canal Treaty, the Humphrey—Hawkins full employment act and President Carter's human rights campaign.

Students at the meetings articulated their desire to bring political activism, or at least a modicum of awareness, to the college. In order to accomplish this they have decided to center their efforts on the Panama Canal Treaty controversy. The group, in conjunction with the ADA stance on this issue, believes ratification is a vital step towards world—wide determination of peoples.

Finally, Carolla stressed the benefits of participating in the ADA with the statement"An active political group could make a contribution to the college. The involved student can get a lot out of direct involvement. From my own personal experience I can say that a course in Political Science suddenly means about five times more."

Gay People at Middlebury

Gay People at Middlebury is an organization of homosexual and bisexual men and women of Middlebury College. GPM, now four years old, was originated by a group of such students who felt a permanent forum for discussion and continued understanding of alternative sexualities was needed on the Middlebury campus.

Bi-weekly rap sessions allow the group to get together and socialize as well as discuss any issues that it wishes. Topics often cover such issues as the national gay liberation movement, being gay at Middlebury, coming out to family and friends and discussions of gay literature and periodicals.

In many ways the group is concerned with consciousness-raising. Not only does the organization allow an opportunity for its members to discuss and explore their sexuality, but by its very existence it forces the campus as a whole to confront the fact that-homosexuality exists as an alternative, and totally valid, way of life.

The 1977-78 academic year was GPM's most successful on campus. Increased visibility of the group caused campus-wide discussion of gay issues and liberation, including a four week series of Letters to the Editor in the CAMPUS!

GPM's activities culminated in April when a lecture by Leonard Matlovich was sponsored by the group in connection with the Middlebury chapter of Americans for Democratic Action. Matlovich is the Air Force sargeant who has caught the national eye by fighting the discharge he received when he publicly came out. Matlovich spoke to a large group of students in Dana Auditorium on the struggles and fears that gay people go through. He called for freedom and equality for all people in this country including the estimated ten million gay men and women.

GPM will get underway in the new year with a rap session open to all, sometime in the first few weeks of school. We are always ready to listen to anyone who has questions about his own sexuality, anyone who is confused by homosexual feelings in himself or those around him, or to anybody with general questions about homosexuality and bisexuality.

Hillel — meeting community needs

October 12, 1977

By JOAN FOSTER

Hillel, which derives its name from a Hebrew prophet who lived 3000 years ago, is one of the largest student organizations on **campus.**

It is an organization for Jewish students which draws its 80 active members from a population of approximately 200 Jewish students at Middlebury.

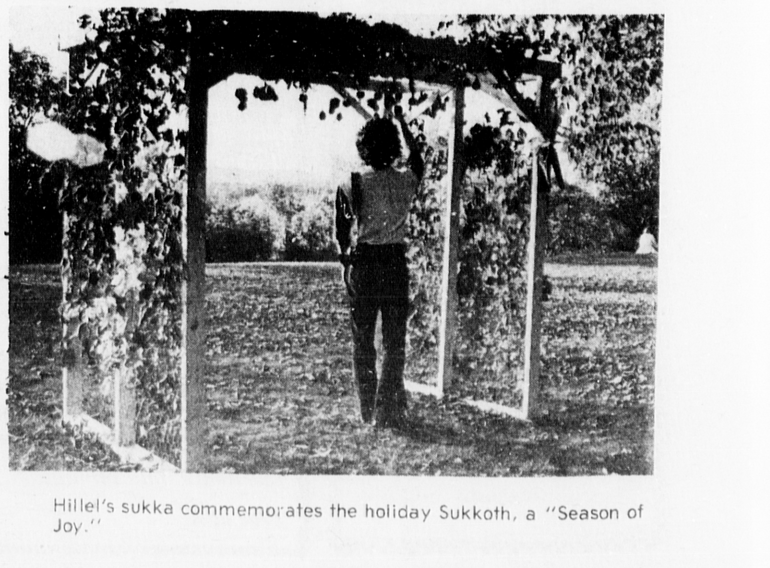
"We are, at once, a religous as well as an ethnic association," described Hillel president Laurence Cohen, who said that the organization's purpose is "to help ease the transition from home to Middlebury; to provide for the special needs of the Jewish Community, be they social, religious or cultural; to combat anti-semitism, including anti-Zionism, and other manifestations of of hostility toward the state of Israel or the Jewish people."

Not only is Hillel responsible to the Jewish population, but it also endeavors to include and educate the whole Middlebury community. The group sponsors a diversity of activities with "college-wide appeal" that all Middlebury students are welcome to attend.

"We sponsor religious, ethnic, and secular events and activities," Cohen explained. These events include a series of lectures, films and parties.

Hillel also provides religous and ethnic services for the Jewish population. Informal

Hillel also has formulated many long-range goals. "I believe its only a matter of time before Middlebury installs a Jewish Chaplin as well as provides courses in Judaic studies and Hebrew language," Cohen said.



(Photo by Richard Tarlov)

Hillel's sukka commemorates the holiday Sukkoth, a "Season of Joy."

Clubs and Or

By HENRY HEYBURN

Taking advantage of the rivers and mountains that surround Middlebury, the Middlebury Mountain Club organizes outings for hikers, climbers, skiers, and kayakers, throughout the year. The trips run by the Middlebury Mountain Club include everything from afternoon hikes to rock climbing expeditions for those who want to learn the basics of climbing. The club office is in Adirondack House where students can find outdoor magazines and books, friendly advice, and equipment to rent.

On Saturday, September 8, the Middlebury Mountain Club will hold its annual freshmen outing at the Breadloaf Mountain Campus. During the day there will be hikes, bike trips and demonstrations of kayaking, rock climbing and woodsmanship. The outing is a lot of fun and a good opportunity to meet classmates and faculty, and to enjoy the sunshine. Hope you all are having good summers wherever you may be and we look forward to seeing you in the fall.

E.Q.

By PETER HODGE BARNETT

Environmental Quality is an organization that sponsors various ecology-oriented activities on campus. "E.Q." does all of the paper recycling at Middlebury, sponsors films and speakers, and hosts two electricity-free Blackout Dances each year. The group has also sponsored alternative Energy Fairs and World Food conferences at the College in recent years.

Freshmen interested in becoming members can select from various E.Q. committees to get involved such as: Endangered Species, Energy, Recycling, Publicity, Films and Speakers, Legislation and Blackout Dance. Freshmen become eligible for Board positions at the end of their first year. Come to our general meeting in September and learn more about us.

WAA

By HYE KYUNG WHANG

Katie Weidman '79, the newly elected president of Middlebury's Women's Athletic Association, has announced the results of the WAA elections held in the beginning of April: Mary Porter '79 was elected Vice-President, Kathy McNamee '79 was elected Secretary, Barb Caras '80 was elected Treasurer, and Darren Zecher '79 was elected Special Representative.

"We hope that this will be an organizational, as well as, recreational and fun-type group," Weidman said. "Our function will be twofold."

The Women's Athletic Association is an outlet for intramural sports, as well as a service body to various sports clubs. For example, the WAA provided the Women's hockey team with jerseys two years ago.

The group has sponsored several successful activities this year, including the paddle-tennis tournament and the water ballet show. The association is also planning an activity for next fall's freshman class.

"Our meetings are open to anyone who is interested or needs organizational help," Weidman added.

Frontiers

Frontiers is Middlebury's magazine for student art and writing, with occasional contributions from faculty members and alumni. It generally comes out twice a year and includes a selection of poetry, short stories, and translations, as well as prints, paintings, photography and sculpture. The magazine is distributed free to the entire student body.

The administration of the magazine includes only ten to twelve students, who are usually upperclassmen. However, freshmen are encouraged to contribute and frequently provide some of the most interesting material. The critical board, which decides the content of the magazine, is made up of students who themselves are writers or artists and who are willing to respond with critical discussion for all submissions. The board hopes that with these comments Frontiers can provide a service beyond what is often too-limited space for publication.

Procedures for submission will be delineated on posters around campus early in each term. In addition, the editors' names and phone numbers are listed in the college directory, they will be happy to answer any questions.

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September 21

By RICK LEGRO

Puns. The members of the Student Sex Information Service (SSIS) have come to hate them. Terms such as "inconceivable" and "undercover organization." The type of mentality those puns betray are the major obstacles for SSIS members as they attempt to provide the college community with adequate, reliable, and confidential sex information and contraceptive devices. SSIS coordinator, Anu Makynen '78, addressed the problem of jokes in a recent interview. Said Makynen, "people refuse to take the organization seriously. They usually refer to it with a smirk or some sort of pun."

"Perhaps" she adds, "the number of abortions arranged through the infirmary will wipe some of the smirks off their faces." Last year, according to Infirmary records, there were eleven abortions arranged through the college medical service. SSIS co-coordinator Libby Marsh '79, is quick to add "that doesn't take into consideration those abortions arranged privatelyby the student, those who decide to have the baby, or even those couples who get married."

The main purpose of the SSIS is to provide information about birth control and its availability on campus. SSIS also distributes non-prescription forms of contraception: the condom, foam, and spermicidal foam, through a series of dorm representatives. Marsh stresses that "the dorm reps are available 24 hours a day" and urges all students to utilize them when necessary. All representatives are expected to keep their sales confidential.

As Marsh explains, "We're not a 'how to' organization, we leave that to the individuals, we're more a 'how not to' organization; hat is now to prevent coneption."

Talks were given in all the freshman dorms last week by members of SSIS. Among those topics stressed were the open accessibility of the infirmary for student needs, the use of conraception in any sexual enounter, and the role of male esponsibility in providing means f contraception.

I.F.C.

The Interfraternity Council is a body of representatives from all six of the fraternities, each house sending its president and a representative. At its weekly meetings, the council discusses the problems that arise among the houses, and recently, the relationship between the fraternities and the administration. Members of the council feel that they have had a unique experience in cooperation this year -- they realize that all rivalries must be forgotten or the unity and power of this group will be lost.

Probably the most recent major topic that has been discussed by the IFC was the Coffrin Committee's recommendation to the President of the College to eliminate dining in the fraternities. This committee was the result of the IFC complaints asking for an increased rebate in Spring 1977. The council organized a protest in Spring 1978 to illustrate the fraternities' position and also to show the support of the student body for the fraternities' position.

As long as fraternities exist, this cooperative council will be needed to deal with the problems among the houses and with fraternity/administration relations.

Cinema Club Presents

By CHARLES FRANKEL

In the last few years, whether willingly or not, Middlebury College has become a little Capital of Cinema. More and more, departments and student organizations are bringing films on campus: hardly an evening goes by without a feature being shown. For instance, the American Movie Club brings American classics during the weekend; Language clubs make sure to screen masterpieces from their respective countries from time to time and Benefit organizations show popular films in order to raise money.

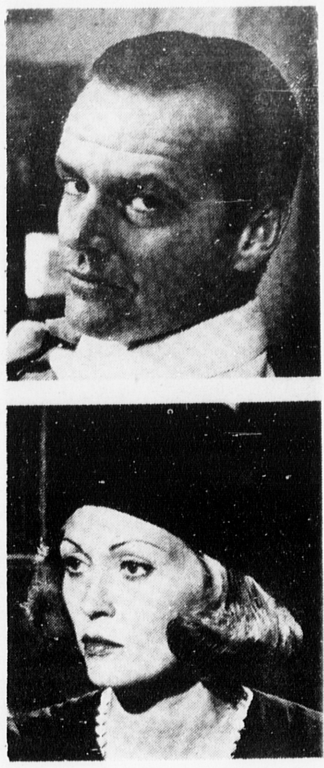
But it is on Thursday nights that Cinema is elevated to the rank of Art. Thursday is the night of the Cinema Club. A film from our Series is shown in Dana Auditorium, the main auditorium on campus, and constitutes a rendez-vooı for the large number of Cinema fans, profs, students and visitors from miles around. Last year the Cinema Club had members from towns an hour's drive away!

Through its twenty films our Series tries to represent the major film-producing countries and to give a representative cross section of the different schools in Cinema. Last year, for instance, we brought Scorsese's "Taxi Driver," Fellini's "The Clowns," Bergman's "Magic Flute," Eisenstein's "Potemkin," Chaplin's "Gold Rush," and Bertolucci's "Last Tango in Paris," among others. You will receive the program of our 1978-79 Series in the mail, but we can already announce the selection of Bergman's "Face to Face," Zeffirelli's "Taming of the Shrew," Truffaut's "Stolen Kisses" and Polanski's "Tenant" as a few of our upcoming hits.

The Cinema Club does not, however, restrict itself uniquely to showing films. With the purchase of a sound Super 8 camera and profector last year, the club boosted film making on campus. In the spring we organized a student-made film Festival which was described by many as the most original and successful manifestation held on campus for a long time. For eight hours the Festival was packed and films were shown non-stop. Features included films made by Middlebury students as well as amateur films from France and Canada.

Next year we will of course reconduct the festival in which we will be proud to present the first films "made in Middlebury." Film making in Middlebury is facilitated by the number of experienced actors from the theatre department, the presence of faculty members experienced with film (Art Assistant Professor Mark Rendleman) and courses offered in the field of Cinema (Susan Hayward teaches an excellent course on French Cinema during the fall and the Italian Department presents the World of Italian Cinema during the spring.)

In addition to film showing and film making, the Cinema Club has been active in many branches of the campus life: for instance, members of our club have regularly written articles on cinema for the Middlebury CAMPUS. This year we will be bring guest lecturers, encouraging discussion on film and, of course, just enjoying the pleasure of making films.



jack Nicholson and Fay Dunaway starred in "Chinatown," one of the films Cinema Club brought to Middlebury last year as part of its series. Next year's slate includes "Face to Face," "Tenant," "Stolen Kisses" and many other excellent films.

Middlebury Christian Fellowship

The Middlebury College Christian Fellowship is an interdenominational group of young men and women who are interested in exploring the possibilities of the Christian faith. Among the denominations represented in our membership are Episcopal, Presbyterian, Congregational, Baptist, Plymouth Brethren, Christian Reformed, Roman Catholic, and many others. In addition, a number of students with no church affiliation attend our meetings.

We feel that this diversity of backgrounds is one of the greatest strengths and challenges of the fellowship. Although the fellowship's primary concern is with the spiritual growth of its members, the group also sponsors a number of social activities.

The official purpose of the Fellowship of Christians is: "To be the body of Christ as a group and to be conformed to the image of Christ as individuals through worship, fellowship, discipleship, and evangelism." As we worship and share in fellowship with one another, we find that, despite our differences in background and personality, we can truly love one another and be united in the belief that Jesus Christ is Lord and Saviour of all.

In discipling one another, we are challenged to devote ourselves to lives of service to God and mankind. Finally, through evangelism, we are challenged to share and discuss the nature of Christian faith with one another and with our other friends on the College campus.

The Christian Fellowship meets as a large group once a week for singing, prayer , Bible teaching, and discussion. Meetings will take place on either Friday or Sunday evenings next year. In addition, several small groups hold informal meetings during the week to fellowship, pray and study the Bible together in a dynamic way. Finally, many people get together for one-on-one Bible studies.

The Christian Fellowship also will be sponsoring several lectures from leaders of such organizations as the Fellowship of Christians in Universities and Schools (FOCUS), the Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship (IVCF), and several traditional Christian denominations. Other activities to be sponsored by the fellowship this year include one or two concerts, an apple-picking outing, hikes, two weekend retreats, a bonfire singalong, and other activities that anyone may suggest.

If you would like to know more about the Christian Fellowship, please come by and see one of the leaders of the group when you arrive in the Fall. The leaders are John Kenyon, Patton Darbishire, Dan Atwood, and Alice Lee. In closing, we quote from the book of Psalms: "Magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together. I sought the Lord and he found me and delivered me from all my fears.""

WU Role Evolves

By SUZIE SALZER
WOMEN'S UNION CO-ORDINATOR

photo by Peter Duncan.

Campus Caption Contest.

The Women's Union is concerned with the status of women in today's world. We want to stress the importance of women working together and being a cohesive group. Our goals are political, social and educational in nature.

Monthly meetings are held for discussion (re: feminism, legislature, womanhood) and are sometimes combined with documentary films or speakers. We also arrange consciousness raising or support groups which develop intimate verbal times among members. Each CR group develops in the way it desires.

Some of the Women's Union members also attend the N.O.W. meetings in town and, as a result, have had get-togethers with the board women. Many excellent discussions have arisen at those times. Exchanging ideas characteristic of different generations is an invaluable experience.

The films we have shown this year have been on natural childbirth, abortion, growing up female and the elderly. We have also shown popular films such as "A Doll's House," "Adams Rib," "Diary of a Mad Housewife" and "Breakfast at Tiffany's" where the woman is the protagonist of the story.

Although we do not have an office of our own, we do have magazine subscriptions and some women-related books which anyone is welcome to borrow.

Under the auspices of the Women's Union, Shirley Chisolm spoke at the College this year. Next year we plan to sponsor another speaker (perhaps Rita Mae Brown who is currently at the top of the women's movement. Next fall we are planning a three-month lecture series. The weekly lectures will center on women in the arts, in sociology and in literature. A woman reverend will speak on women in the ministry. In addition, we hope to have a woman psychiatrist speak on women in business and how men perceive those women.

The lecture series is expected to serve as a stepping stone to institute a Women's Studies concentration at Middlebury. Notice that there are courses on women here - French 331 has no prerequisites and is taught in English - The French Novel and the Crises of Feminity. Sociology of Women has no prerequisite either. Both have excellent reputations. Look them up in the course catalogue.

Kaleidoscope — not for seniors only

Kaleidoscope, the Middlebury College yearbook, is not for seniors only. In fact, three out of six editors and managers of the 1979 Kaleidoscope are sophomores.

The idea behind Kaleidoscope is to produce a picture history of the year at Middlebury which, when viewed in May 1979, will enable us all to look back with a grin...and someetimes a grimace...at what we have seen, done and lived through during the preceeding nine months, and for some of us, the preceeding four years. Even more important is that the yearbook should afford us no fewer and, if anything, fonder memories when we accidently discover it on a dusty shelf or come across it at the bottom of a stack of old notebooks stored in the attic twenty years from now. We expect our effort to include a lot of planning, a lot of work and more than ample amount of fun.

Many of the more routine aspects of Middlebury College life are very often overlooked or simply forgotten by upperclassmen. Yet it is these day-to-day elements that probably contribute more to shaping and focusing our life and times here than anything else. To freshmen, all of these routine experiences are new, and one of the ways in which freshmen can be most helpful to Kaleidoscope's effort is by reminding us of these parts of our life here that, when captured on film, say and mean more to us than any thousand words ever could.

Experience is not a prerequisite for joing the staff. All you need to be is interested and enthusiastic. We will be looking for photographers, layout peole, graphics people and anyone else willing to give yearbook a try.

There will be a meeting for all interested students soon after school starts. Whether you want to get involved right away or think you might wait until later in the year to contribute, try to attend the meeting. It will be well publicized in the CAMPUS.

Beginning very soon, the memories of Middlebury College will be your memories too. You can help determine how those memories are preserved. The Kaleidoscope office is Room 8 in the basement of Proctor Hall. Join us!

Entertainment

photo by Eric Borg

A production of Arthur Miller's "Death of a Salesman" highlighted last fall's Parents' Weekend activities.

'Salesman' Succeeds

November 9, 1977

BY TREY HUNT

Parent's Weekend 1977 has come and gone and for many the brightest memory of that event filled two-day revel is David Lally's production of Arthur Miller's Death of a Salesman.

Miller's moving drama about the shattered dreams of an American family in the early fifties spoke directly to the Parent's Weekend audience as they viewed the demise of a father who found that his hopes for his sons were not materializing.

The play takes place in two settings: the present of 1952, and in the mind of Willy Loman as he remembers the events of 1936. As he watches his career deteriorate and his dreams burst, Willy returns repreatedly to the happier and, to him, more successful times of the earlier year. The two time zones of the action present a special problem in staging the play, yet Lally kept the action moving and clear using localized areas of the stage for the various scenes.

Apart from the immediacy of the themes and the well handled direction, the unusually even and high level of the performances also marked this production with excellence.

Professional actor Timothy Hall was brought in to portray the difficult role of Willy Loman as director Lally quite rightly felt that the aging, disillusioned salesman was too foreign for a student to interpret successfully.

Mr. Hall's experience with the stage shone and he brought to his role a subtlety of understanding that increased the dimension of his performance and the tragedy of Willy Loman. Perhaps the nature of Willy's tragic heroism lies in the fact that he does as well as he knows how with life as he understands it, yet the magnanimity of his misunderstanding proves to be his downfall. Timothy Hall brought this sense of helplessness to his performance in a moving and touchingly human way.

Completing the central Loman family were: Daphne Ballon, '80, as Linda, who finds herself in an equally powerless position when suddenly her well established role of mother no longer seems to work; Mark Efinger, '78, the older son who finds himself torn between his own dreams and those his father has for him; and Mark Perry as the younger son who, although he is following his father's hopes for him, finds that they don't neccesarily bring happiness and fulfillment.

Ballon found in her role all the frustration of that peculiar situation of desperate powerlessness with almost the expertise of Hall and her final scene at her husband's grave was one of tremendous tragic irony.

Efinger beautifully conveyed the dilemma brought upon him by the conflict of his own wants and those of his father. Perry brought a special despair to the empty life of Happy.

At the end of the play, when Willy Loman's love for his family moves him to take his own life so that they can carry on with his insurance money, he robs his family of its center and the ultimate irony of their misunderstanding each other is complete.

The Farm: Fe Fi Fo Flop

February 1, 1978

By BROOKS BANKER

History does repeat itself.

Exactly two years ago the college grit its teeth and endured a Winter Term clunker called "Live Like Pigs." The production was worse than boring, it was offensive. In attempting to explore the tension and conflict among the English working classes, the production assaulted the audience with fake accents and aimless acting. Did anyone learn a lesson? It seems not, because last weekend the Theater Department production of "The Farm" fell into the same mudhole.

First the play itself. "The Farm" comes as the wrong play at the wrong time. Although David Storey is a playwright of considerable ability and reputation (his play "The Changing Room" won the N.Y. Critics Award), "The Farm" is not one of his better plays. Rambling dialogue and a weak plot undercut the rather noble intention to feel out a rotting, working class family. Lack of communication and insensitivity abound in the play, but without solid justification. "The Farm" then is an empty play about empty people, people so fixed in the pleasure of their own self-destruction that there is no time for interaction.

In his initial exploration, the playwright overindulges and ignores the audience for the first 45 minutes of the play. Nothing happens. A flicker of plot appears when the prodigal son returns and announces his intention of marrying a much older woman. But the woman is a no-show and the plot dies in the third act. Life goes on. "The Farm" is meant to reveal the subtlties of a hard-drinking, hard-hurting family on the road to nowhere. But unfortunately the audience has no reason to care.

And then there was the English accent. Please. For an American, nothing is more fascinating than a real accent, and nothing more boring than a fake one. "The Farm" was filled with American Cockney.

With the obvious exception of Amanda Plummer (her English is bona fide), the actors in the production seemed to talk through potatoes. This hadicap further obscured the meaning of the play and often embarrassed the audience. In addition, there was just bloody too much bloody bloody in the bloody dialogue.

But even with all verbal blocks aside, the level of acting in "The Farm" was unacceptable. The production didn't appear ready for performance. The acting was enough to give Stanislavski's Method of acting a bad name. In the attempt to convey the boredom of the characters, the actors bored the hell out of everyone. They smoked, they drank, they shot nasty verbal darts at each other and had no fun in the process. As the characters wasted their lives onstage, the audience wasted its time watching.

Certainly the play itself is partly to blame, but there must have been at least one intriguing side to every character that the actor could have exploited. Proof of this was Sue Burnim's effort to inject energy and credibility into the otherwise unimaginative character of Mrs. Slattery. But Sue lacked the direction necessary to bring the character to life. The actors too often found themselves unmotivated and unsure onstage, a fact that showed itself in the half-hearted gestures. For an audience to believe, the actor must believe first.

Howeverfatal its flaws, the production of "The Farm" differed from "Live Like Pigs" in one merciful detail: it had an intermission.

"The Farm" comes as an unfortunate, but well-meant debut for Theater instructor Joanne Klein. While the brevity of Winter Term may account for part of the production's problems, the clear mismatch of play and audience should be heeded by futuredirectors. Although the college stage is clearly the optimum place to take chances, directors must recognize and evaluate the tastes and expectations of the college audience if the tremendous effort of producing a play is to become worthwhile. Also a director should work within the potential of student actors, by avoiding unnatural dialects and unreachable characters. In "Death of a Salesman" for example, director David Lally chose an experienced adult actor over a student for the lead role. Hopefully Ms. Klein will take all this into consideration when planning the spring production of "The Tempest."

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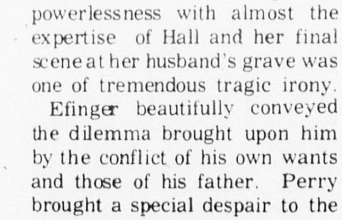
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Services Director Gary Starr is willing to work with the fraternities yet the college seems to have other plans in mind."

Hinsdale concluded, "A liberal arts institution cannot measure success in terms of so many students fed and housed and so much money collected and dispersed, but by the quality of the opportunity it offers the individual."

Dean of Students and Coffrin Committee member Erica Wonnacott said she felt the protest was "very orderly and responsibly done." Her overall reaction, however, was indifferent.

"I guess I'm a little sorry that that's the only kind of thing that Middlebury students can 'get themselves excited about,'' she said.

She noted that nearly all of the action taken this year by the college with regard to College holdings in companies operating in South Africa was facultyor Trustee originated. "I feel a little sorry about that,'' she said.

Wonnacott said her feelings toward the recommendation, which she supported in the Coffrin Committee vote, were not changed by the protest. "Students have no idea of what the financial implications are,'' she said. "Their support was an uninformed, emotional support. Emotionally, I support the protest too."

Wonnacott said that if fraternity dining is ended there would probably not be an increase in the number of students permitted to go off the College meal plan each term. She added that the Coffrin Committee has not yet decided whether to recommend that the college end its current program of allowing twenty-five students living in college housing to go off the meal plan each term.

Dean of the College John Spencer said the protest did not change his feelings toward the recommendation which he, too, supported in the Committee's vote. He shared Wonnacott's opinion of the orderly nature of the protest and said he believed there was "alot of good spirit'' behind the rally.

Spencer said he felt the criticism of student apathy in broader political areas was valid but that such criticism would not be his first reaction to the protest. He said the protest did not change his feelings toward the recommendation because he does not believe the end of fraterity dining will cause the fraternities to die out.

Spencer added that the Committee considered four options before choosing to recommend an end to fraternity dining.

Recommends Proctor Renovation

Coffrin Committee Votes To Cut Frat Dining

May 3, 1978

By MARK CORSEY

The Coffrin Committee plans to recommend to College President Olin Robison "that the College undertake -as soon as possible- a major renovation of Proctor Hall...'' and that "after this (renovation is complete), there be no more fraternity dining...'' according to a preliminary statement released to the CAMPUS by committee member and Dean of the College John Spencer. The Committee was appointed by Robison last September to study the social, residential and dining patterns of the college with an emphasis on fraternities.

The committee was orignally asked to present its report to Robison on March 1 but "Our proceedings have taken longer than we expected at the start because of the complexity of the issues involved. We are now approaching the end of our work..'' the statement said.

Robison told the CAMPUS he is not sure how soon he will take action on the Committee's recommendation after receiving its official report. He said the nature of the recommendations will determine whether he acts on some or all of them immediately or whether no action is taken until next fall. Robison added that he expects to spend some time discussing the report with the Board of Trustees when they are here for Commencement at the end of the month.

The committee expects "to recommend that dining in Fraternities continue for a minimum of two years or until the new Proctor facitity is completed,'' according to the statement. After the discontinuation of fraternity dining the committee recommends "that the College provide a breakfast allowance for members living in fraternities - and for students living in outlying houses such as Jewett and Weybridge.''

"The recommendation to end fraternity dining is being made for financial reasons,'' the statement said. Spencer said he did not feel it was proper to reveal exact figures before the Committee's official reportis presented to Robison.

The committee vote on the proposal to end fraternity dining and improve Proctor was nine for and three against with one abstention. Fraternity members Geoffrey Keller and Mark Collins voted against the proposal along with Student Forum Chairman Clark Hinsdale. Kim Ulrich, one of the two undergraduate women on the committee, abstained. All of the Trustees and Administrators along with the two faculty members and the second woman undergraduate on the committee voted in favor of the proposal.

The Proctor renovation "...would increase and improve the present dining and student activity space there. The committee believes that this would be a major benefit to the entire college community,'' the statement said. Spencer added that specific proposals for renovation would not be made by the committee but would "best be left to another group.''

The statement continued, "The Committee was unanimous...in its belief that fraternities play an important part in student social life. Therefore the Committee plans to recommend that the College pay for the renovation of the fraternity houses...''

"The Committee respects the fraternities' wishes to remain independent and to retain their respective identities,'' the statement said. "...with these considerations in mind, (the Committee) is discussing fraternity-College relationships regarding maintenance of the houses after their renovation.''

The statement concluded, "Consideration of the dormitory and other extracurricular aspects of College life is an important part of the Committee's responsibility. We shall submit a preliminary report to President Robison on these two matters and on the question of maintenance in the next two weeks. A more detailed report will follow.''

Spencer emphasized that the Committee was not attempting to do anything in secret or in any way that would deny concerned parties a chance to provide input. He cited a case from several years ago when a former College President and Dean of the College made a decision during the summer that angered many students. Spencer said he did not feel that either the Committee or Robison wished to have such a circumstance recur.

Coffrin Committe Cites Priorities

BY KRIS MIX

The fifteen member Coffrin Committee has been evaluating the social, dining and residential life at Middlebury College since early last fall. The Committee was formed by College President Olin Robison, who will receive its final report and recommendation probably "sometime in April. The report was originally scheduled to be completed by March.

The Committee was initially composed of fourteen members. They include three trustees and five students. The Committee is adding an alumni representative to its membership in time for its next meeting on March 3.

The format of the Committee's final report will be a list of priorities its members feel the College should establish when allocating funds in the areas of social, dining and residential life.

Committee member Clark Hinsdale '78 commented, "All these things come down to cost. It's a question of what areas the College should be putting money into—should we add on to Proctor and build a student union? Should we give the fraternities more money? Should we develop a good facility for concerts? Should we build a college pub? There are all sorts of things that can be done.''

The investigation into the matters of social, dining, and residential life at Middlebury has four phases. The first involved questioning College personnel who are directly associated with the areas mentioned previously. The Committee spoke to Administrative Assistant Kim Caldwell, Director of Food Services Gary Starr Student Activities Director Jackie Flickinger, Chaplain Scott, and other student-service associated personnel in an attempt to establish the good and bad points of the present social, dining, and residential arragnements.

The second phase of the investigation involved two surveys--one distributed to the faculty, the other to randomly-selected students. The purpose of the surveys, as stated by Hinsdale, was to "find out about how (students) felt about fraternities, etc.'' The results are now being tabulated.

The Committee is presently working on phase three, in which certain members plan to visit other colleges similar to Middlebury and conduct a standard series of interviews with various college-associated people at each, the idea being "to get a sense of how well their systems work,'' according to Hinsdale. Those colleges that Committee members have already visited or soon will include the University of Vermont, Colby, Bowdoin, Amherst, Dartmouth, and St. Lawrence.

Phase four the most important part of the investigation, will be when the committee members start talking cost. In the case of the fraternities, committee member Assistant Professor Steven Rockefeller (Religion) says the question is: "How are they going to be financed? Who is going to pay?''

The fraternity question is only one aspect of social, dining, and residential life with which the committee is dealing, yet the fraternities have been receiving a great deal of attention from committee members. Hinsdale commented,

"The Committee feels that if fraternities didn't cost the College anything, they would be great. It's a question of how much they are worth. The College tried hard in the sixties and early seventies to get rid of frats. The students and alumni wouldn't let them.'' He believes that the committee will consider the feelings expressed by those students and alumni when formulating its opinion.

He went on to say that the committee is "making no definite negative statement'' about fraternities. The fraternities' ranking in the list of priorities depends on "how important the Committee will view them as opposed to other alternatives.''

Dean Wonnacott, another committee member, said that she believes the fraternities to be "an important part of Middlebury.'' She added, "They contribute a lot, but are financially inefficient, and that is a problem that will be with us forever.'' She is dedicated to "finding ways to help them run more efficiently and to help them survive.''

The Committee's list of priorities should prove to be immeasurably influential when the decisions about allocating funds are made. "Look at who is on the committee and you realize that the report carries a fair amount of weight,'' Hinsdale commented. The report will be presented to the Board of Trustees at that meeting which is closest to its completion.

Implementation of the Committee's proposals could take years, but, as Hinsdale pointed out, "If they are going to give the fraternities money, it's just a matter of signing the check.''

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Mandatory Evaluation Proposed

February 1, 1978

BY HOLLY HIGINBOTHAM

The Faculty Council has proposed a new method of evaluating courses which would serve a number of objectives, according to History Professor Nicholas Clifford, Chairman of the Council.

Clifford described the proposal as "a systematic means for getting student evaluation of courses."The evaluation would serve two functions, Clifford said. "One would be that it would give the Committee on Reappointments information which could be used. The other virtue that we see is that it might be of some help to a faculty member in improving his courses."

Clifford emphasized that this system would not duplicate the work of the Course Guide. The questions would differ from those on the Course Guide questionnaire, he said. Questions would be "about the ways in which students think of the teacher as a good or bad lecturer...about the readings, content, design, organization (of the course)...about how it could be improved."

Clifford also stated that this plan differs from the Course Guide in that return of the questionnaires would be mandatory. There would be a penalty of no final grade in the course or no diploma. He added that a few other schools, such as Wesleyan, have already implemented such programs.

Clifford stressed that the main purpose of the plan is "not to give the students a voice in tenure, but toimprove the quality of teaching (at the college)." He said that students already have a say in all tenure decisions. Besides the recommendations of the Student Advisory Councils and solicited student opinion by the Committee on Reappointments and departmentheads, any student is free to write a letter to the committee.

Clifford was uncertain about when this proposal would be put before the faculty for consideration.

Faculty Approves Evaluations

April 19, 1978

BY AMY MEEKER

The faculty voted to adopt a uniform, mandatory system of student course evaluations at its April meeting. Proposed, by the Faculty Council, the new system requires students to at least sign their I.D. numbers to the evaluation forms in order to receive a course grade. Students may or may not complete the questions on the form, as they choose.

One copy of the questionnaire will be filed in the Office of the Academic Vice-President. A grade roster will accompany the evaluation on file for each course, so that student performance can be considered along with the evaluations. A second, unsigned copy will be given to the course instructor.

Professor of Mathematics Michael Olinick, who presented the proposal to the faculty, defined two major goals of the proposal. The evaluations, he explained, are to be used both to aid professors in improving their teaching methods and to assist the work of the Committee on Reappointment (COR) in reviewing faculty.

Representatives from three of the four academic divisions summarized the discussion in division meetings prior to the faculty meeting. Professor of History William Catton, Chairman of the Social Sciences Division, said that the members of his division favored the principles both of mandatory evaluations and of quantification of evaluation forms. The division's major question, he continued, concerned implementation, and he voiced a feeling that perhaps the form of the evaluations should vary according to each department's preference.

Members of the Social Science division, Catton concluded, were unanimously in favor of separating the two parts of the proposed evaluation form, so that only the numerical summaries, and not the essay portions, would go to the COR.

Professor of Chemistry and Chairman of the Natural Science Division Robert Gleason outlined the vote at his division meeting. The Division favored both the principle of the evaluations and the inclusion of quantitative and qualitative sections in the questionaires. The Natural Sciences also voted that the evaluations should not ne entirely voluntary.

Professor of Philosophy Victor Nuovo spoke for the Humanities Division, which he reported as favoring the system but entertaining questions about the usefulness of an essay portion on the questionnaires. These doubts he said soncerned the difficulty of interpreting non-quantitative responses and the amount of work this would require of the deans and the COR. Dean of Foreign Languages Rogel Peel reported that his division had not met to discuss the proposal.

Following the division reports, Dean of Sciences Russell Leng offered a substitute motion, which was passed, to separate the principle of the evaluations from their actual implementation. A count was then taken on the principle and the faculty voted to adopt by an overwhelming margin a uniform system of teaching evaluations.

The second part of the proposal, which concerned implementation, was passed with the inclusion of an amendment by Professor of English Robert Hill. Hill voiced a concern with the idea of summaries of essay portions of student evaluations, which would be prepared by the appropriate dean for use by the COR. These summaries, President Robison pointed out, would only be used in cases where the COR was having difficulty reaching a decision on a particular faculty member. The faculty adopted Hill's amendment that the faculty member hasaccess to any such summary.

The evaluations are to consist of quantitative questions as well as essay responses. They will be broken into three areas of evaluation: student attitude and effort, the effectiveness of the instructor as a lecturer, section or lab leader, and non-classroom teacher, and a general evaluation of course and content.

Forum Endorses Mandatory Evaluations

March 22, 1978

By MARK CORSEY

Student Forum voted unanimously Sunday to endorse "in principle" the Faculty Council's proposal for mandatory course evaluations. Forum will send to the council along with its statement of endorsement, a list of concerns of Forum members about specific aspects of the current proposal.

The mandatory evaluation proposal, which is on the agenda for the April faculty meeting, would require students to at least sign their ID numbers to a one page evaluation form for each course taken during a given term. Students would be encouraged to fill out the form. The form would contain several questions calling for short statement amswers along with several rating type questions that would allow general, quantitative data to be gathered. Students would not receive grades at the end of a term unless they filled out or signed the form.

Evaluation form files would be kept in the Academic Vice—President's office and would be accessible only to the Committee on Reappointment, thefaculty member whose course was evaluated and his or her department chairman. The files would include a grade roster from the course containing students names, ID numbers and grades. Faculty members would receive forms without ID numbers at the end of each term.

Concerns that will be expressed in the endorsement statement include: the validity of including a grade roster in the files, the balance between the amount of qualitative and quantitative data gathered, the deadlines for handing in forms, and the content of the opening paragraph of the form which will explain the purpose of the evaluations and to whom they are accessible.

Nancy Ryan '78 argued that a student should not be considered incapable of writing a good evaluation because he or she does poor work and receives a low grade in a course. She added the grade roster should not be included in the file.

Several Forum members said they thought students should be allowed time after finals to take home evaluation forms and mail them back if they so choose.

Robison Appoints Coffrin Committee

September 21, 1977

BY MARK CORSEY

College President Olin Robison announced last week the appointment of a committee to research the social, residential, and dining arrangements of the college and offer recommendations for future courses of action with regard to the college's six fraternities. The fourteen-member Special Committee on Campus Social, Residential and Dining Arrangements will be chaired by United States District Court Judge Albert W. Coffrin, Middlebury graduate of 1941 and trustee of the college.

The committee will have five student members: the Student Forum chairman, two Fraternity members selected by the Interfraternity Council and two non-fraternity students recommended to Robison by Student Forum. Robison has asked the committee to submit its assesments and recommendations to him by March 1, 1978.

In a special announcement released to the college community last Friday Robison stated the need for such a committee arises from changes in residential, social and dining preferences on the Middlebury campus over the last fifteen years. The announcement cited that during that period "living and dining patterns have changed radically" and the percentage of fraternity members among the college's students has dropped from 90 to 17.

The announcement also stated "inasmuch as the Committee will be seeking considerable time and assistance from the fraternities..." each fraternity will receive a one-time $1,000 grant from the college which is to be used as the individual fraternities deem appropriate.

Dean of the College John Spencer, one of four administrators on the Committee expressed a favorable opinion of the committee and the concept behind it.

"I think this is a very good approach to the situation because it allows all of the concerned

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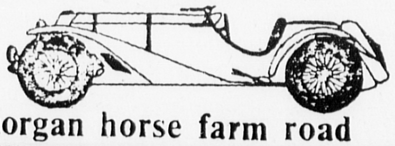

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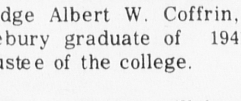

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Winter Term — The Great Debate

200 Attend Winter Term Talk

November 2, 1977

By CAROL HUBREGSEN

Close to 200 people squeezed into Monroe Faculty Lounge Sunday night to discuss the pros, cons and future of Winter Term at Middlebury College.

Students batted ideas back and forth for an hour and a half.

Possible calender changes for Winter Term, how much time should be devoted to a Winter Term course,grading and Winter Terms relation to the regular semester were some specific subjects discussed.

No definite proposal or statement was drawn up. But a group was formed at the end of the meetingtodraft a Winter Term proposal. It will be presented to students at All College Meeting night on November 10. Depending on students' reaction to it, Forum will give the proposal final vote of approval on November 14 and then submit it to the Educational Council.

The Educational Council is currently evaluating Winter Term. Professors Andrews and Emerson, members of the committee, were present Sunday night.Andrews said, "There is no disposition to do away with Winter Term," but that there was some dissatisfaction with it among faculty and students.

Professor Emerson urged the students to submit a proposal. He explained that the Council is presently examing several suggestions from several sources. He concluded that a proposal framing the students' opinions would be very helpful.

Student opinion was diverse, but the primary concern was if it was alright for Winter Term to be a period of relaxation or if its academic standards should be raised. According to the Handbook, the term is designed to be a period of in-depth study, but most students at the meeting agreed that Winter Term falls short of this description.

Students disagreed amongst themselves, however, whether lax standards were or were not desireable.

"I'm looking forward to getting to know people winter term," said Paul Benzinger '80, who with other students, agreed that the amount of studying necessary here in Fall and Spring semesters precludes close friendships.

A break from academic pressures Fall and Spring was another perceived advantage. "Given the prevalence of gloomy weather in the month of January, I think an abolishment of Winter Term would undoubtedly lead to higher dropout rates and suicides," concluded Adrian Benepe '78.

While acknowledging these advantages, several students countered thattoo much relaxation and social life jeopardized the purpose of Winter Term. Bob Carolla '78 questioned "the attitude" of doing as little as possible toenjoy oneself as much as possible," Maybe faculty should crack down some."Lucy Newell '78 rejoined that there is"too much peer pressure to party, party, party... Unforrtunately people are basically lazy. They have to be pushed a little bit," she concluded.

Afew students said that the faculty's own lax standards during Winter Termaccounted in part forthe student's own negligent attitudes.

Another argued that the whole idea ofeducation is for the student to choose for himself, whether that decision is to work hard or goof off.

According to a proposal drawn up by Michael Olinick, 1976-77 chairman of the Educational Council, students should theoretically be spending ten hours a week in class during the four weeks of Winter Term to earn the same credit they each earn other semesters at three hours a week for thirteen weeks.

Olinck's proposal also considered calendar changes: 5-5, 4-1-4, 3-3-3, 1-4-4, 4-4-1. Most students who spoke at the meeting viewed the changes negatively, although the idea of an optional Winter Term was met with some interest.

Forum Drafts Statement

November 9, 1977

By CAROL`HUBREGSEN

Student Forum unanimously voted to give temporary approval to a statement on Winter Term Sunday night. The statement which basically reaffirms the ideals on which Winter Term was originally established, was the outcome of a special meeting held by Forum on September 30 to discuss Winter Term. The statement, supposedly based on students' sentiments expressed at that meeting, will be resubmitted to students for their reactions on All-College meeting night.

If reaction is favorable, Forum will give the statement final approval next Sunday and submit it to Educational Council. The Council is currently evaluating Winter Term.

The statement supports the continuation of the 4-1-4 calendar. Winter Term itself is defended as "an integral part of the Middlebury experience," as an opportunity for students to form closer relationships with faculty and as a period when students nave more time to devote "to social, athletic and individual interests."

It took close to two hours for Forum to pass the statement because Forum members grammatically dissected every sentence. Forum eliminated some lines which they thought blamed the faculty for Winter Term's weaknesses.. But most debate was devoted to the elimination of passive voice, nonagreement and dangling prepositions.

ADA Sparks Referendum By Forum

BY LISA BARBASH

More than 100 students attended a meeting last Thursday sponsored by Americans for Democratic Action (ADA) to inform students of faculty sentiment and considerations regarding Winter Term and to discuss possible courses of action bystudents to save Winter Term. The two hour gathering was conducted by ADA Chairperson Lisa Freeman '80, who said faculty were not invited because "We did not wish to inhibit the discussion." At the meeting students discussed their views on Winter Term. Everyone who spoke wanted Winter Term "to be saved," in one way or another.

Some students, however, wondered whether it was already too late.

Freeman informed students that on March 13 faculty and administrators would vote on the future of Winter Term. Freeman, however, said that many of the faculty were as yet undecided on how they would vote.

This indecision was evident from the results of the ADA "faculty opinion poll on Winter Term" which was submitted to each member of the faculty a week before the meeting. In the poll the faculty member was requested to vote yes, no or undecided on each of five options on what should be done with Winter Term next year.

The options were:

1. To abolish Winter Term and institute two fourteen week semesters,
2. To institute an A-F grading system,
3. To add a "Low Pass" to the current Honors-Pass-Fail system,

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parties to play an active role from the beginning of the evaluation process," Spencer said. He also expressed a favorable attitude toward the Fraternity leaders with whom he and Robison met last Monday to outline the Committee arrangement.

Geoffrey Keller, Zeta Psi representative to the IFC said he felt the meeting with Robison was "fairly good." "It gave both sides a chance to get off their chest the way they felt about the fraternity situation." Keller continued,"The impression Igot was that the Committee doesn't want too much interference from the IFC itself ,the Fraternity delegates to the Committee will be pretty much on their own. They'll come to the IFC and fraternity members to report

to the college and what the fraternities mean to the members," Hinsdale said. He added "I hope we'll make a statement of the case that is free of value judgements."

Committee members will include: Trustees Coffrin, Hilton A. Wick and John M. Kirk, '39, Spencer, Dean of Sciences Russell Leng, Dean of Students Erica Wonnacott, and Associate Treasurer of the College David W. Ginevan.

Bruce B. Peterson, Professor of Mathematics , and Steven C. Rockefeller, Assistant Professor of Religion will be the committee's faculty members. Peterson was president of Slug as a Middlebury undergraduate. Rockefeller was chairman of the Princeton equivalent to the Interfraternity Council when an undergraduate at that institution.

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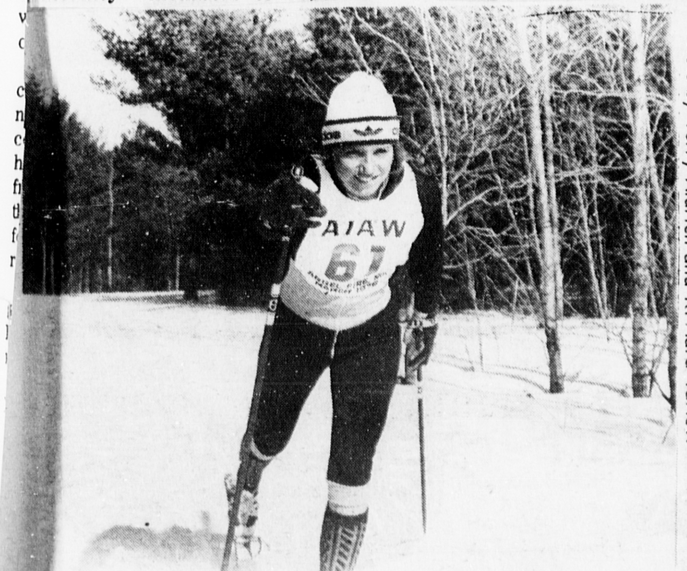

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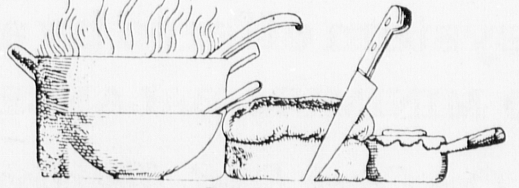

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Winter Term

Winter Term to Remain; One Proposal Adopted

March 15, 1978

By JOHN HEDDEN and MARK CORSEY

At its monthly meeting on Monday, the faculty rejected three of four proposals to change or abolish Winter Term. The accepted proposal, Proposal #1 from the Educational Council, will allow some Winter Term courses to be integrated with Fall and Spring Term courses "under exceptional circumstances."

Each of the rejected proposals was defeated by a margin of between 2-1 and 3-1. The faculty vote was in harmony with the sentiment students expressed in the Student Forum Winter Term Referendum taken last week.

A proposal put forth by the Social Sciences Division, which would add a grade of "Low Pass" to the current Honors/Pass/Fail Winter Term grading system, was tabled until the April Faculty meeting.

The faculty also voted Monday to adopt a new financial aid policy with regard to Winter Term trips. The new policy will allow for a maximum of two trips to be offered during Winter Term and will call for the college to "maintain a limited scholarship fund to cover the expenses of financial aid for eligible students."

Representatives from each of the four academic divisions and the Student Forum opened the discussion on Winter Term with brief presentations. Division Chairmen reported on votes from divisional meetings held two weeks ago. The issue was then opened to discussion from the floor.

Professor of History and Chairman of the Social Sciences Division William Catton told the faculty that the division expressed "unanimous sentiment in support of Proposal one." He said the division disapproved of proposal two which called for the institution of a half credit/full credit system and the proposal three to institute an A-F grading system.

Catton then introduced the low-pass ammendment to eliminate "a major weakness lying in that gray area between an obvious pass or an obvious fail "in the present honor-pass-fail grading system. Students who obtained two low-pass grades for Winter Term courses would have to make up one credit. Finally Catton reported that the Bielli proposal to return to a two semester calendar met with unanimous disapproval.

Professor of Chemisry and Chairman of the Natural Sciences Division Robert Gleason said the views of that division were "somewhat similar to the Social Sciences." Proposal one passed the division but members questioned the need for the proposal because the policy it calls for can apparently already be found in practice. Proposal two was voted down by the division while votes on proposal three and the Bielli proposal resulted in a tie. Gleason commented that the Science division has "some of the most ardent supporters of Winter Term and colleagues who feel quite differently." Gleason also inquired as to the feasibility of a pass-fail system with no honors.

Victor Nuovo, Philosophy Professor and Chairman of the Humanities, reported that a "majority" favored proposal one while also debating whether the proposal was necessary. Proposals two and three were rejected. Nuovo observed that number two "would change the character of Winter Term." The Bielli proposal was also defeated by a large margin. Nuovo mentioned a suggestion by American Literature Professor Robert Pack that students be tested on a reading list of "great books" at the end of each Winter Term.

Dean of Foreign Languages Roger Peel read from a statement which reported that the Language division had approved proposals one and three while rejecting the Bielli proposal and number two. The statement also proposed that continuing language courses be granted full status as Winter Term courses. Presently students continuing a language during Winter Term must take another course to receive credit.

Student Forum chairman Clark Hinsdale presented the results of the Forum referendum. The results showed that 55% of the 1,011 students responding favored proposal one; 51% rejected proposal two; 74% disapproved of proposal three; and 90% voted against the Bielli proposal. 225 expressed the opinion that there should be no change in the present Winter Term format. Hinsdale called for the retention of Winter Term and an effort on all sides to make the Term come closer to goals originally conceived.

General discussion of the individual proposals was limited and the sentiment of the faculty seemed to be that all of the arguments had already been stated.

The Winter Term financial aid vote will allow the Curriculum Committee to approve either one trip in the $800-$1600 cost range or two trips in the $100-$800 cost range each Winter Term. Several faculty members argued that these figures and the amount of money in the special aid fund would have to be adjusted to keep pace with inflation. No legislation dealing with this area was discussed, however.

...ADA Sparks Action

4. To institute a half credit/full credit system,

5. To leave Winter Term unchanged.

Many faculty members voted yes on two or more proposals and each proposal received at least seven "undecided" votes.

Because so many faculty members are presently undecided about Winter Term, the ADA felt that there was still time for students to affect the way they will vote on March 13. One of the ways the ADA proposed to do this was to have students talk to professors on a one to one basis and to tell them how they feel about Winter Term.

Connie Howard '80, co-chairperson of the ADA commented, "if the students don't express their care... then why not just have a four week vacation? A lot of professors think the students aren't appreciating Winter Term."

Two other ways students could voice their opinions of Winter Term to the faculty were also discussed. One was to hold another meeting of the general student body and to invite the faculty. Freeman said that the ADA would sponsor such a meeting at 4 p.m. in the Proctor Lounge on Wednesday, March 8.

The other proposal, initiated by Dan Jacobs '79, was to have a college-wide referendum in order to show the faculty how the entire student body feels about Winter Term. Jacobs said, "We've got to show them (the faculty) which option we want."

Clark Hinsdale '78, chairman of the Student Forum took an informal vote of the people at the meeting to determine whether to have the referendum. The vote was unanimous in favor of the referendum and Hinsdale volunteered the services of Forum.

preferences on the Middlebury campus over the last fifteen years. The announcement cited

ADA Invites Faculty Input

March 8, 1978

BY LISA BARBASH

In an effort to open up communications between faculty and students, the ADA sponsored a one and a half hour meeting of the general student body and the faculty to discuss the virtues and problems of Winter Term. The meeting was held Wednesday, March 7 at 4 p.m. in Proctor Lounge. About sixty students and eight faculty members attended. The four proposals on the student referendum were also discussed.

Although Math Associate Professor Michael Olinick said that he did not hear anything "too surprising" at the meeting, many students felt the meeting was valuable because, as Sandra Murray '81 said, "I learned about where the teachers stood and how they felt.". Many of the students had not been fully aware of the Faculty's own problems with Winter Term.

Chemistry Professor Robert Gleason noted the tremendous amount of work it takes to design a new Winter Term course each year, as is required by the Curriculum Committee. Vito Imbasciani, Assistant Professor of Music, said that although "my two Winter Term courses have been the most stimulating courses I've taught here, " he felt he could use time off in January to do his own professional research.

Both faculty and students seemed to feel that one of the major problems with Winter Term was one of attitude. One student pointed out that many students feel they are not supposed to do any work during the term. This attitude, she said, is passed on each year to the new freshmen by upperclassmen. Geology Professor Brewster Baldwin commented that 'students somehow feel that it is morally wrong to spend more than x hours on something."

Solutions to the lack of motivation to work were suggested by both the students and the faculty. Baldwin suggested that some Winter Term courses should consist of students helping faculty members with research. In this way, he said, the students are " doing something instead of finding out what was already known." Liz Marantz '81 proposed that students help generate more Winter Term courses.

Freeman said she was pleased with the results of the meeting. She said she felt it was a "good discussion" because the faculty and students were able to freely discuss their opinions.

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Sports

The Captains' Pride: Legacy

November 30, 1977

BY DAVID HEIRES

Certainly it was unfortunate that the Panther gridders' showdown with Norwich ended up spoiling their chances for an 8-0 season. Avictory would have meant the first undefeated Midd football season since 1972.

Yet for departing senior co-captains Roy Heffernan and linebacker Duane Ford, the loss in the climactic game of their Middlebury tenures was not the saddest moment of the hour.

Heffernan, who had one of his greatest games against the Cadets (129 yards in 22 carries and 2 receptions for 43 yards) had other thoughts on his mind as the clock ran out and ended Middlebury's chances.

"I was thinking how proud I was to be a member of this team, how sad it was that I would never be a part of it again," the Panther halfback said. "Playing under Mickey (Heinecken) and all the assistants, being a part of this great team with its great bunch of guys was a privilege that I will never forget."

Ford also said pride was the prevailing feeling in himself and his teammates.

"The bus ride back was not gloomy and deadened with silence. We knew we had given our all and that we were a great team. When we were at their (Norwich's) 18 at the end of the game, we were sure we were going to win. Even after the defeat to the Cadets, who played an excellent game, we had lost none of our previous confidence or self-respect."

Duane, the backbone and catalyst of the Panthers' fine defensive unit, said he felt he was speaking for all the departing seniors in saying that the fact that this was his final game was sadder in itself than the defeat.

Roy Heffernan says farewell as Middlebury's all time leading ground gainer, with 2631 yards.

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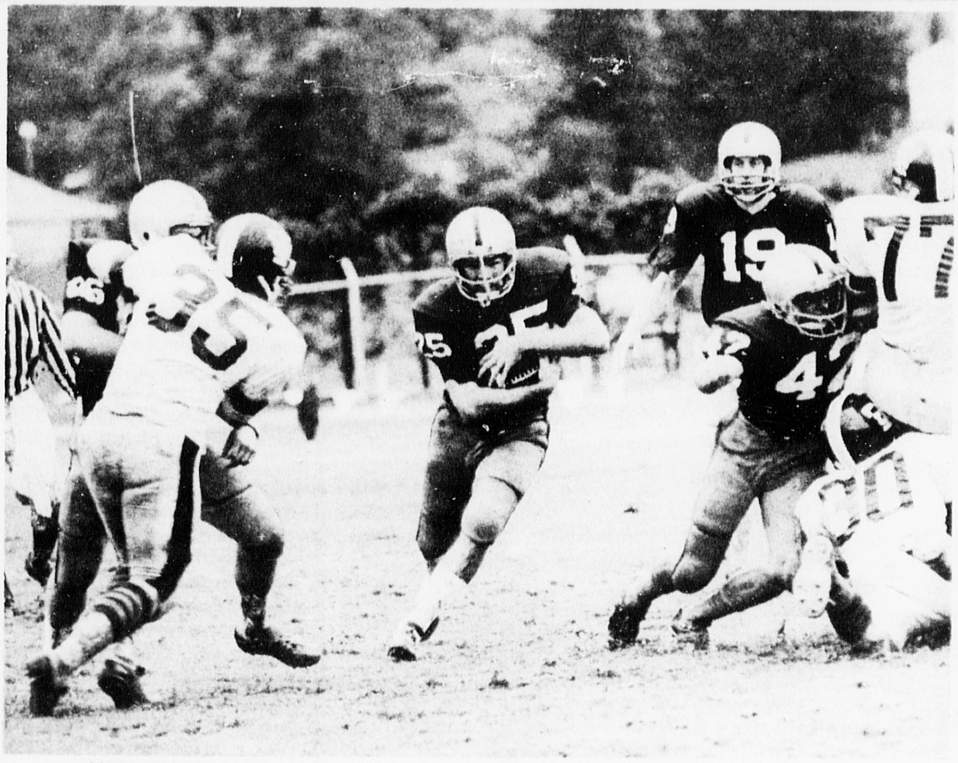

photo by Peter Duncan.

Midd Panthers predict another great season for the coming year.

Carey Earns Second National To Title

March 15, 1978

By DUSTY MCNICHOL

On Friday March 9, in Angel Fire, New Mexico, Liz Carey won her second straight national collegiate cross country skiing title. With her victory in the 5k race, Carey proved beyond all doubt that she is the finest collegiate skier in the country.

"She was without question the fastest cross country skier there", said Middlebury coach Terry Aldrich. "She skied well in the open race, and she really asserted herself in the relay."

The relay Aldrich referred to was the 4x5k race in which Carey skied anchor leg for the Panthers. The Middlebury squad won the contest, beating their nearest scoring rival by over six minutes, and prompting one spectator to ask the women "Don't you feel embarrassed beating the rest of the field by so much?"

If the team should feel embarrassed, then Carey herself should be absolutely mortified. Although the Middlebury squad was well out in front by the time she had to run, the Panther sophmore went ahead and posted the fastest individual time of the day anyway.

"Only three skiers went under twenty minutes in the race" explained Aldrich. "Liz's time was 19:21. She had a sea level type tempo on a hill where most people were almost walking. It just impressed a lot of people. Carey's "sea level tempo" is remarkable considering the race was run at an altitude of 8400 ft.

In the open race, held two days prior to the relay, Carey posted the fastest time of the day. Her clockworking that day, on a course that was slightly more difficult than the relay course, was 19:24. That run gave her the national championship, ten seconds ahead of Sue Strutz, the second place finisher from Alaska.

Carey, skiing on a course that had been altered as a result of protests from the Middlebury coach, skied as well as she has all season.

By winning the individual race Carey kept alive an unbeaten string in national championships. She also preserved her claim to be the only Association for Intercollegiate Athletics for Women (AIAW) national champion in the history of the event.

In last year's national meet, the first sponsored by the AIAW, Carey, then just a freshman, blew the doors off all competition to win her first national championship.

Being tops is no new thing for Carey,w ho won the Maine State Championship every time it was held when she was in high school. The state meet was inaugurated when Carey was a sophmore, and she won it for three successive years, leaving for college as the only skier ever to have taken top spot in the Pine Tree State.

Protest in New Mexico

March 15, 1978

BY DUSTY MCNICHOL

For the second year in a row, the Association for Intercollegiate Athletics for Women (AIAW) has spawned protest at its national ski championship meet, held this year in New Mexico.

Having shed the shadow of last year's court shenanigans and eventual compromise which saw Middlebury's skiers allowed to compete solely on an individual basis, the skiers were anxious to begin their quest for the national title. Things did not go smoothly however.

No sooner had the Middlebury squad arrived in New Mexico than Coach Terry Aldrich filed a protest against the 7.5 km cross country course.

"The cross country course was flat; it was absolutely no test. It wasn't technically demanding; it wasn't even physically demanding."

Sophmore Liz Carey, the eventual winner of the nordic event echoed her coach's sentiments "It (the course) was pretty bad—flat, very little snow, and short."

The protest held, and the course was moved to a tougher but shorter location. The time of the race was also shifted, delaying the event until after sundown, when the snow would harder.

Simultaneous to Aldrich's nordic protest, a cry was raised against the Giant Slalom course. Coaches from every school complained about the narrow, treacherous trail on which the course was laid out. The length of the course was also protested.

Again the protests held, and the course was moved down the trail, and its length decreased.

As the meet entered its second day, the protests kept coming. All eighteen of the Alpine coaches at the meet filed formal protests against the slalom course, which they said was much too steep.

It was just too steep", said Aldrich. "Of the seventy—eight girls who started the race, only nine made it through two runs

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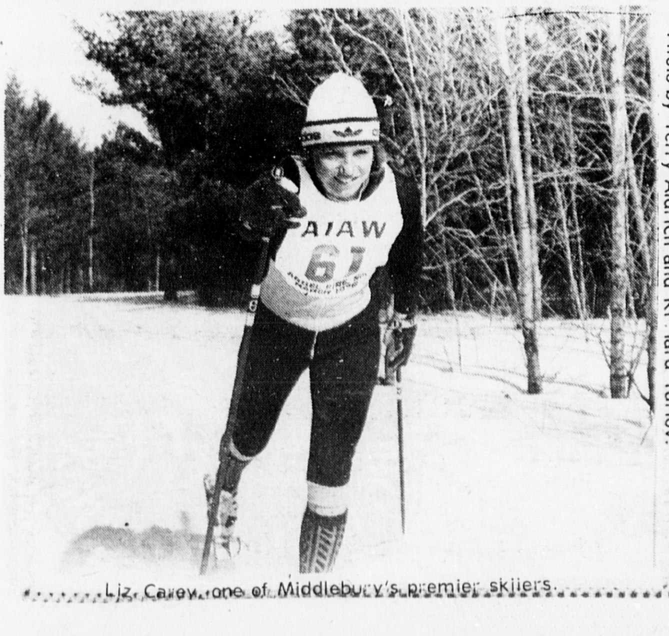

Photo by Terry Aldrich and Richard Tarlov.

Liz Carey, one of Middlebury's premier skiers.

The Pass: Midd's Grid Surprise

October 5, 1977

BY KRIS MIX

Any observer of Middlebury's football game last week against Colby College would probably have noticed the outstanding offensive performance. It was hard to miss. Quarterback Matt Winslow completed 14 of 16 passes for an incredible 88 percent completion record. He threw 4 touchdown passes; 3 to halfback Dave Howell and 1 to tight end Jay Moore. **The school record of 563 yards total offense set in 1972 was beaten by 15 yards.**

And that's only part of the story. The game was outstanding from the point of view of the ground attack, also.

But what really captured the attention of Panthers spectators was the passing game. Coach Mickey Heinecken, although impressed by the team's performance, denied that the passing attack against Colby was special. He commented, "I don't think there was much passing numerically. We like to throw a minimum of 12 passes and maximum of 20 passes per game-from a standpoint of keeping the defense honest."

A key factor in the match, according to Heinecken, was balance. "It was an ideal game because it presented a balance in the offense," he said. "We weren't throwing long passes; they were safe and in the flat. Passing was as safe as handing the ball to the halfback." He also noted, "The passing game should compliment the running game. (The way the game is played) depends on what the other team gives you."

Coach Heinecken does not feel that Middlebury's passing stragety is a radical new addition to last year's gameplan. "Last year," he said, "we had an unstable situation with the quarterbacks and bad weather for several of the games. Once we found confidence in what we could do, we began using some different plays. We'd prefer to have a balance (between the passing game and the ground attack), but liking and havingall all the time are two different matters. What I liked about the game was that the offense was unpredictable."

When asked what to expect from the Panthers in the future, Coach Heinecken replied, "All coaches would like to be able to know that they could have an inside game like last week and throw the football. The question is-- can the other team take anything away from you?"

While Coach Heinecken expects to make adjustments in each new game, with the Middlebury offense looking so strong, it is difficult to imagine him cutting back there. "If I had my druthers," Heinecken said, "we'd have a passing game like last week. We'd maintain that performance level."

The Junior Line

It Takes Three To Make One

January 25, 1978

BY DAVID HEIRES

The Middlebury Varsity Hockey Team's first line of juniors Mike O'Hara, Chip Hagy and John Watson is looked upon by many people in collective, rather than individual, terms.

It must be kept in mind, however, that there are three distinct and talented athletes piling up goals and assists for Coach Wendy Forbes' sterling 8-1 hockey squad.

"I know that alot of people tend tospeak of 'the junior line,' or the 'Watson-Hagy-O'Hara line,'' says Hagy. "It is largely due to the fact that we have been playing on the same line since freshman year and were moved up together after the eighth game.''

The three have been a source of pleasure to Coach Forbes and one of terror to the opposition ever since.

Through nine games this season, the trio rank 1-2-3 in providing Middlebury scoring punch. Center O'Hara has 18 points (8 goals, 10 assists), Watson 15 (8 goals, 7 assists), and Hagy 14 (5 goals, 9 assists).

That is 32% of the team's points and 40% of its goals.

While it could be conceded that they were not under much pressure in the first six games, all easy victories, O'Hara, Watson, and Hagy came through with many clutch plays in the airtight encounters with Williams and Holy Cross.

O'Hara, in fact, had key third period goals in each, including the game tier versus Williams.

Last year they accounted for 49 of the 130 Middlebury goals and 116 total points. O'Hara led the team with 41 points. Hagy followed with 40 (including, along with Tom Harris '79, a team leading 18 goals), and Watson tied for fourth with 35.

"I still think people tend to give less credit to the other lines than they deserve,'' Watson emphasizes. "They were key in turning the Holy Cross game around, which we should have won. Look how Tom Harris played against them (2 goals) and Williams (the game winning goal).''

"We have four lines of excellent calibre, and each is important in the overall team effort,'' says O'Hara. "Seldom does the coach use three lines. We all give our best for two minutes and then take needed rest.''

Mike is the only one of the three who attended public school throughout: his high school tenure. A product of Melrose, Mass. (Hockey Town U.S.A., he says) , he made varsity on his high school team his sophomore year after suffering a back injury as a freshman.

"I was thinking quite seriously about hockey, and wanted to have Division II competition in college,'' he explains. "Bob Lloyd told me about the hockey at Middlebury and about the college's excellent academic reputation.''

John Watson lines up great shot. photo by Scott Kissinger

The O'Hara—Hagy—Watson tandem was billed even before Mike came to Middlebury, in fact. He was immediately informed that he would be playing with Chip and John as soon as he was admitted.

Chip was fortunate enough to have intensive state competition while he was in high school in Acton, Mass.After a post graduate year at Choate, Hagy opted for Middlebury.He was particularly impressed by the general atmosphere on campus and had always had an affinity for Vermont.

Though he didn't have his start in the hockey—mad Boston area, John Watson had another vehicle to success. His father, Sidney Watson, was coach of Bowdoin's team and remains so today.

After slapping the puck around for both the Brunswick, Maine team and Lawrence Academy, John began to look for a school with Bowdoin's characteristics—a small New England School with good hockey and a good reputation.

"I didn't want to go to Bowdoin because playing under my father would have been awkward,'' he explains. "But he knew Coach Forbes, and after I had seen Middlebury I knew it was the place for me.''

So Middlebury had three freshman who, for some reason, played extremely well together.

They accounted for 39 points in their limited varsity tenures.

O'Hara says that Hagy and Watson are extremely fast wings and good passers, and Chip credits Mike and John with being "the smoothest puck handlers I have ever worked with.'' The most important key to their success is desire, however, and Coach Forbes has a lot to do with that.

"Wendy commands the respect of all the players along with instilling the desire to win,'' says O'Hara. "He doesn't rag on people, but rather stresses self—dicipline. This is important to all the players.''

Hagy also credits the defense with contributing a great deal to their success. "We feel that A.J. (Fitzpatrick) and Lexy (Gahagan) rate with many Division I tandems.''

With confidence abounding, all three feel that there is no one on Middlebury's schedule that the Panther's don't have the potential to beat. That includes the University of Vermont, "especially at home.''

The crowd at Middlebury really helps out,'' O'Hara says. "The fan interest was one of the things that attracted me here. It really helps to have a packed house of people shouting in the background, to know that they are so enthusiastic.'' They have reason to be.

On the Outside

December 7, 1977

BY GEORGE MARDEROSIAN

The world of professional sports is now entering its transition period. It's the time of year when the fall seasons are ending, and the slightly overlapping winter seasons are just underway keeping the active fan glued to the sports pages.

College football is finishing up-only the Bowl games remain. Undoubtedly the Texas Longhorns were the best team in the country, as their flawless 11-0 record indicates. Led by senior runningback Earl Campbell, who led the nation in rushing (1744 yds,) and scoring (114 points), the Longhorns now take on Notre Dame in the Cotton Bowl, a game which will decide the final rankings.

Campbell seems to be a runaway for this year's Heisman Trophy, but look for Ken MacAffe, on All-American tight end from Notre Dame, to press Campbell's top billing. Should McAffe come away with the honor, it would be the first time in history the Heisman wasn't awarded to a back.

Professional Basketball is well into the season now, as is professional hockey, and New England fans are experiencing mixed emotions. The Boston Celtics still have not recovered from their early season stretch at disaster, and have a long road ahead to the playoffs. The Boston Bruins,however, are enjoying a slim lead and a streak in the N.H.L.,'s Adams Division.

Elsewhere in the sports world, baseball is still making the news. The annual "free-agent draft'' is over with the usual result-the organization signed ace-reliever Rich Gossage for a reported $2.6 million contract extending for six years.

Gossage, a 26 year old right-hander, provides the Yankees with yet another strong relief man, the first being Sparky Lyle. With a starting rotation which includes Ron Guidry, Catfish Hunter, Ed Figueroa, and Ken Hotlzman, the Bronx Bombers look to be a good bet to repeat their last year's performance.

The Professional Golfer's of America Tour is now in it's off season, with the 1978 schedule beggnning January 5th at the Phoenix Open.

The 1977 Tour ended with Tom Watson, the winner of the Masters and three other events, at the top of the money list. Watson earned well over $300,000 Jack Nicklaus is proving his grey hairs premature as he finished in second place with earnings of close to $285,000.

The "Sportman of the Year'' award is just around the corner and many names such as Pele , Ted Turner, and Reggie Jackson have come up as potential recipients. In my opinion, Tom Watson is the obvious choice.

Watson's sheer dominance in the 1977 golfing world is a feat that rises above all else in the world of sports. His four victories, including a major championship, are more than any other tour player.

I think it's time to acknowledge just how much determination and ability it takes to win a P.G.A. tour event, never mind four.-TOM WATSON FOR "SPORTSMAN OF THE YEAR!!''

"Red" Kelly Trail Dedicated

September 21, 1977

BY JOHN MACKENNA

On Friday morning, September 17,the Theta Chi fraternity held a small ceremony to dedicate the John "Red'' Kelly Trail.

The 3.5 kilometer trail, which opened last winter, was designed for running and cross-country skiing and is equipped with lights for evening use. It passes through part of the college golf course and the adjacent woods.

The ceremony, which took place on a field near the golf course, was brief and intimate. The gift was presented by Raymond Unsworth '41, President of the Theta Chi Corporation, and accepted by Professor Thomas Lawson, Middlebury's Director of Athletics.

The Guest of Honor at the ceremony was Mrs. John Kelly, who travelled to Vermont from her home in Florida. While her husband served with the Athletic Department, she was the Dean of Women at Middlebury.

''Red' Kelly was a student and long time servant of the college. After his graduation in 1931, he returned as a coach and a teacher. During his tenure, which ended with his retirement in 1970, he also served as the Director of Intramural Athletics and the Chairman of the Physical Education Department.

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V Ball Nails Down Division Title

April 19, 1978

By PAUL NORDSTROM

The Middlebury Vollyball Club went to their final regular season tournament of the year last Saturday at Westfield St. (Massachusetts) as the leaders in the Northern Division of the New England Collegiate Volleyball League, but also as a team plagued by injuries and missing two starters.

At stake was the Northern Division title, which eluded the Panthers last year by a single match.

This year proved to be a different story however, as the Panthers had a strong day at Westfield finishing 5-1, but, more importantly, boosting their season record to 43-11 (.796) and easily winning the division title.

U.N.H., last year's winners, went 8-4 on the day, dropping their season record to 39-15 (.723) for second place, four games behind the Midd Men. Williams, 35-19 (.648) finished third.

The season is not yet over for these three teams as they all have been invited to the N.E.C.L.U. League Championships next Sunday at Boston University.

The Middlebury club approached the Westfield tournament somewhat warily as earlier in the week Jim Douglass, '70 and Dan Franzcek, '78 received injuries which kept them out of action on Saturday.

The Panthers started off cold in the first game of the day against U.Mass, making many mistakes and losing 10-15. They gradually began getting their game together in the second, winning it 15-11, and the third which they won 15-12. Ted Mohlie ('78) and John Hedden ('80) filled in excellently for the injured starters.

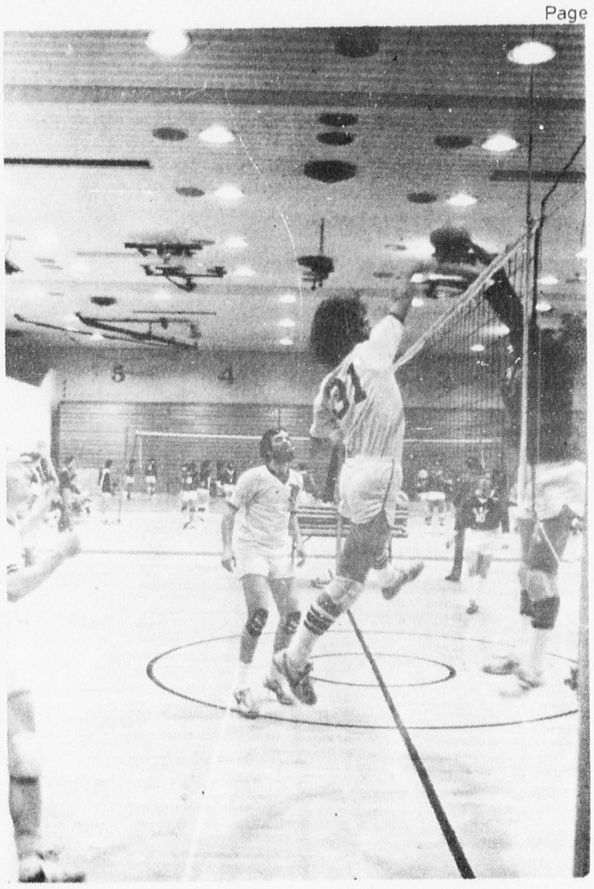
A win over Westfield came next, 15-13, and then the Panther machine really began to roll. Bumping was the key once again as the Midd backcourt men began passing the ball perfectly to the setters, who were then able to run the new double quick-set offense. The offense, which the club has been developing for four weeks employs two hitters, one in front and one behind the setter, who simultaneously jump above the setter to receive a quick-set. The setter then has the option of setting the ball to either hitter who spikes it while it is still traveling upwards. The key advantage to this offense is that it is almost impossible for the opponents to block the spike if the play is run correctly.

Needless to say, the Westfield team was caught defenseless against the double quick-hit, and the Midd men captured the last two games, 15-5, 15-11.

Next Sunday, the Panthers travel to their second league championship tournament in many years. Last year they were eliminated very early and finished tied for fifth. This year, with another season's experience, they hope to upset league favorites Harvard, Boston University and last year's winner, Northeastern, and capture the league title.

States veteran Dick Eaton '78, "we hope to have a hard week of practice refining the various aspects of our game, looking for weaknesses and trying to eliminate them.

Adds co-captain Tom Weeks 78, "I think we're going to surprise a lot of people who think that the title will always stay with a Boston-area team and winning that first-place trophy is going to feel awfully nice."



Paul Nordstrom spikes against UNH.

Alumni Donates Paddle Courts to College

BY JOHN MACKENNA

During the past summer, a Middlebury alumnus donated three platform tennis courts to the college. The courts are located beside Route 30, between the Memorial Field House and the Chi Psi Fraternity house.

Peter Zecher, '55, made the gift as a repayment for all that the college has given him.

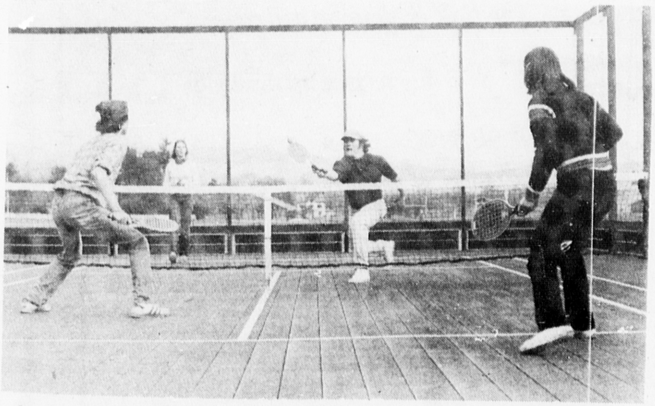
He numbers his four years at Middlebury among the most important and enjoyable of his life. He met his wife here and two of his daughters are attending the college now.

Zecher chose the courts as a gift because he enjoys the game of platform tennis, and would like to see the members of the college community sharing in the fun.

Early in the summer, Zecher contacted the college and made his offer: he would donate a court if the college would match it with another one. Once the offer was accepted, the search began for the best available deal.

Zecher met some restauranteurs near his home in New, Jersey who had three second-hand courts for sale. The price was close to what he'd expected to say for two so, with the consent of the college, he accepted their offer.

Platform tennis is an exceptionally enjoyable game. The paddle is lighter and more compact than a standard tennis racket, so a beginner can learn the basics quickly



Caught in the Act - Scott Geiger returns a shot in the course of last Saturday's Intramural Paddle Tennis tournament. Lissa Moran and Mike Bassett won the tournament **Photo by Peter Duncan**

Former Sports Editor Returns To Chronicle Marathon

Middlebury Runners Endure 'The Boston'

May 3, 1978

BY KARL LINDHOLM

How do you "cover" the Boston Marathon? The "stadium" is twenty-six miles long, the competitors number over 6000, and a million people watch. The guard on the Press Bus was not impressed when I told him that John MacKenna personally asked me to cover the Marathon for THE MIDDLEBURY CAMPUS.

The Marathon presents many different angles and lots of obstacles to even the most enterprising and experienced reporters (not to mention us part-timers). A few years of watching this wonderful event has convinced me that the best way to "cover" it is to get to Boston a couple days early, wander around the Copley Plaza Hotel and watch the running movies and hobnob with the Runner's World

On race day, get a map of the course, find a convenient spot along the route, buy a beer and a grinder, and have a ball. Here is my report (three weeks later), inverted pyramid, inflated language and all, from my perspective of the action--at the eighteen mile mark in Newton at the base of Heartbreak Hill.

RODGERS WINS 82ND MARATHON

by "Scoop Schott, Ace Sports Reporter

Local favorite Bill Rodgers established himself as the world's premier distance runner with a scintillating win in the 82nd Boston Marathon. His time of 2 hours 10 minutes and 13 seconds was only 18 seconds off his American record, set two years ago in Boston.

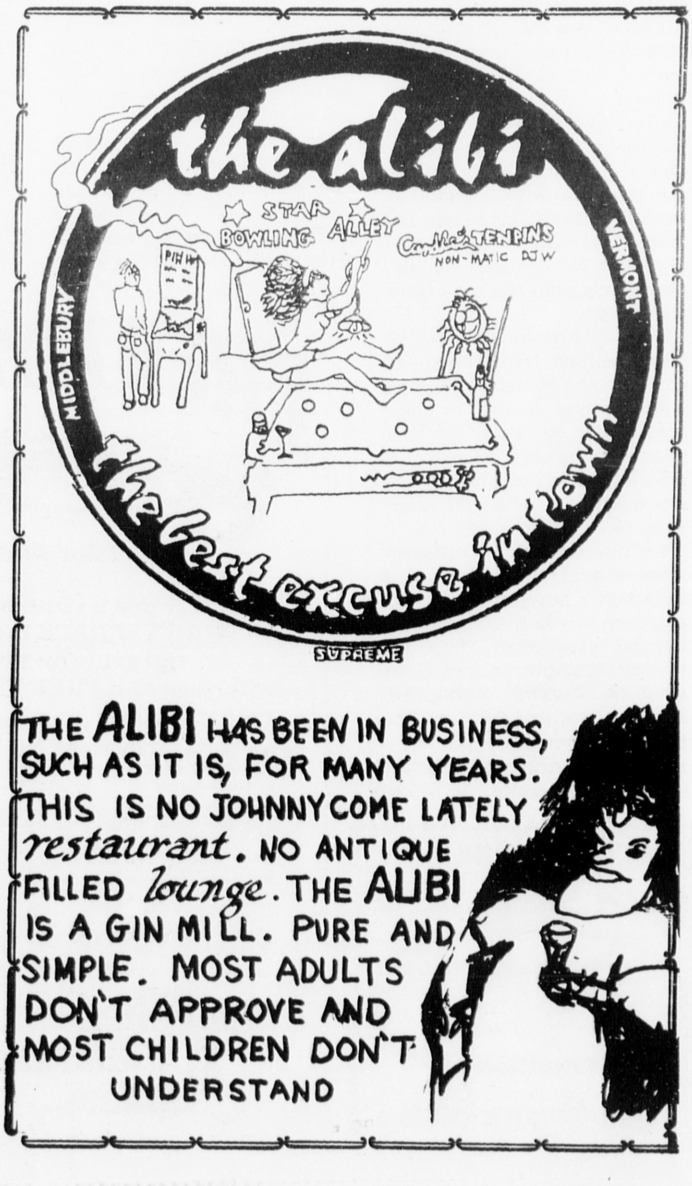
Despite his blistering pace, Rodgers was forced to beat off the challenge of Jeff Wells of Dallas, who closed fast to finish only two seconds behind the winner in the closest finish in history of the race.

Rodgers' victory, his fifth marathon win in less than twelve months, capped a phenomenal year for the 30 year old Bostonian. Among his previous victories were the prestigious Fukuoka Marathon in Japan and the New York Marathon last June.

Gayle Barron, a late entry from Atlanta, was the first woman finisher in 2 hours 44 minutes and 52 seconds. In her biggest win ever, the glamorous TV sportscaster swept by '76 winner Kim Merritt at the 20 mile point and raced to Boston well ahead of the competition.

(Quotes from Rodgers and others, descriptions of the crowds, a listing of the other top finishers, and account of the progress of the race, etc., etc.)

That's the story you will pick up from the wire services. Of



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Strong Relay Teams Lead Panther Resurgence

BY JOHN MACKENNA

When Coach John Bower left Middlebury three years ago, he told colleague Pete Sundheim who was due to succeed him as Head Coach of track, that the best thing to do with the college track program was to let it die a peaceful death. Over the next two years, it seemed the team might well go the way of the Edsel and the Kiwi bird, but in 1978 it has come storming back. Nothing symbolizes the rejuvenation better than the performances of the spirited and successful relay teams.

photo by Mark Efinger and Richard Tarlov

Midd relayers pass enroute to victory at NESCACS.

In the five meets run to date, including the Vermont State Championship and the New England Small College Athletic Conference meet, the 440- and mile-relay squads have won seven times in ten races.

The spring (440) relay team was undefeated until the last meet, when Sundheim shuffled his runners around and sent out a newgroup that included only one of his four regulars. In the four meets they have run together, Ken Dengler, Cedric Johnson, Adrian Benepe and Mike Rambert have broken the school record three times with clockings of 44.1, 43.8, and 43.5 seconds.

Spring relay is the first event in a meet, so a victory there provides the team with a big life. It was a good omen when Middlebury's speed merchants opened the season with a record breaking performance against Williams and Norwich.

While the sprinters get the adrenaline flowing at the start, the mile relay men rarely fail to close out the meet with a thrilling performance. Three times this season, anchorman Rambert has carried the stick across the line less than five yards ahead of the second place finisher.

Few events in sports offer more excitement than a close mile-relay. It is an ideal blend of speed, endurance and finesse, as four runners take turns racing their hearts out for about fifty seconds. The baton passes, good or bad, always make the difference in a close race.

Sundheim has chosen to run two of his fastest men in the third and fourth legs, sc several Middlebury victories have been earned by determined comeback running by Efinger, Foster and Rambert.

The Panther relay men are a bunch of characters. "They're flakes and I love them," says Sundheim. Until he suffered the fracture, Efinger had been running with two hernias. "I call them Felix and Oxcar, the odd couple." says "Finger"

Rambert, who made it clear on his first day with the team that he likes to be known as "The Bert" is as cocky as they come, and with good reason. In the Vermont State Championships held at Middlebury last week, he set a meet record when he won the 440 in 49.1 seconds. When the Panthers ran RPI on a wet track, Rambert put a viscious kick in the last 150 yards of the mile relay to overtake his opponent. When questioned about his remakable surge, he said, "The dude kicked mud in my eye. That's when I decided I had to beat him."

The relay teams are the strongest they've been in years, but they may get stronger. With Foster replacing Efinger, only one of the seven relay runners is a senior. These teams form a strong nucleus for future Middlebury squads.

A Great Fall In Spite Of It All

November 2, 1977

By John Mcackenna

One could say that the Middlebury Women's Cross Country Team had no right to be good again this year. After afairytale story of success last year, they appeared to be headed for a "rebuilding year." By the start of this season, the team had lost its top two runners, and only four members of last years squad were returning.

But the season is almost ended now, and the Midd Kids have pulled off a near duplicate of last years performance. For the second consecutive year, they were undefeated in regular season competition. In the New England Championship, only the University of Massachusetts and Harvard could top the powerhouse squad from Vermont.

The resurgence of the Panther squad canbe largely attributed to the performances of two outstanding young runners, Lindsay Putnam and Karin VonBerg. During the regular seasonneither one was beaten except by each other. In all their dual meets, they finished one—two. In the Amherst Invitational, the Vermont State Championship and the New England Small College Athletic Conference Championship, it was Putnam and VonBerg, one—two. The pair has crossed the line together in two of their races. Both girls have won races individually.

The performanceof VonBerg surprised no one. She joined the team with a well established reputation as a front runner. As a freshman, she was undefeated in New England track competition, where she raced over distances ranging from one half to two miles. In the Eastern Collegiate Track Championships she placed third in both the half mile and the mile, against the best collegiate runners in the East.

Lindsay Putnam, on the other hand, surprised a lot of people. Since she came to Middlebury last fall, improvement has been her trademark. At that time, she was virtually unknown, but she wasted no time in establishing herself as a fine cross—country runner and an even finer cross country skier. In the national ski championship, she placed second behind teammate Liz Carey.

As a runner this fall, she made yet another tremendous improvement. After placing in every race this season. In the New England championship, she moved from tenth to fourth place, despite a large improvement in the qualty of the competition.

But Putnam andVonBerg alone could not bring the team this far. Three newcomers Kathy Anderson, Alice Tower and Peggy Campbell — have taken turns filling the crucial numbers four and five spots on the team. Meanwhile, the three other veterans — Liz Carey Kate Mooney and Nancy Richardson — have each run consistently well this fall. For the second year in a row , Carey has been the team's number three runner. Other women who have strengthened the Panther stampede are Lani Nicholson and Chris Goodman.

Guru Supplements S'Bush Ski School

December 7, 1977

By ALISON OSIUS

Rumour has it that ski instruction at Sugarbush Mountain has taken a double turn for the radical; not only has it gone psychic, but mystical as well. Reports of concepts now being applied to skiing include these of the Oriental martial arts--karate, akidso, judo, and t'ak chi ch'ian--plus Zen, yoga, and meditation. If such a list doesn't phase one, the idea that the "Sugarbush Workshop for Centered Skiing" has not only a director but a Guru just might.

Even if he were intrigued, he might hesitate when he noticed how the 5-day session's $250 price tag compared to that of the regular $70 ski week. At first glance, "Centered Skiing", a program set up to cater to the intermediate to advanced skier, looks like a pretty shady con.

Yet director Sigi Grottendorfer asserts that descriptions of Sugarbush's heavy-duty mystical approach have been exaggerated beyond proportion. The innovative program, he says, is no gimmick. Further description, however, confirms the fact that it is indeed very different.

"What centered skiing means," he explains, "is being centered over your skis in body and mind. You've got to be right in the middle of the skis. The big difference between our instruction and regular is that here we're working more toward getting the mind together, the emotions controlled."

The search for "center" begins with an 8:30 breakfast workshop conducted by "Guru" Denise McCluggage, a former writer who has been applying concepts of the martial arts to skiing as far back as the 1950's. With Grottendorfer, she co-founded the program after a discussion over coffee in which they decided to combine her emphasis on mental processes and "feel", with his expertise in training advanced skiers.

Before students are taken out to the slopes, there is an hour-and-a-half session which includes mental and physical exercises taken from these practiced in the martial arts. Two intensive hours

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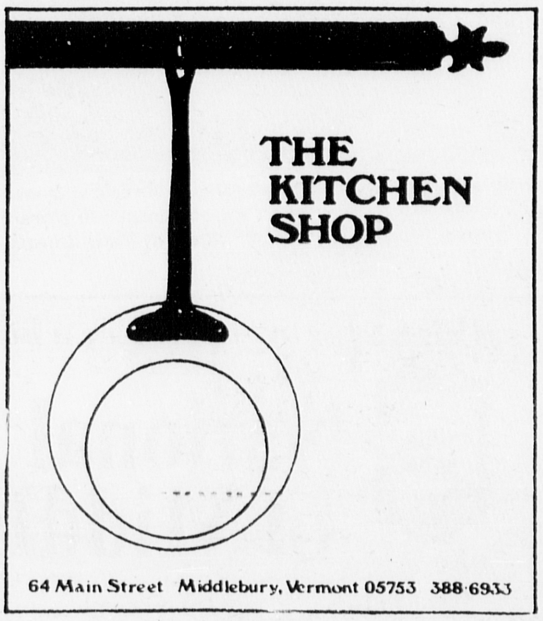
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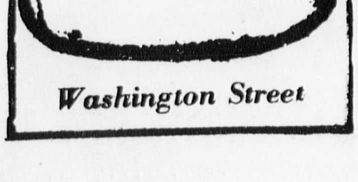
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LOSING STREAK

BY JOHN MACKENNA

Most everyone who has competed on an intercollegiate squad has been exposed to the athelete's abomination, the road trip. Day in, day out, students congregate at the Field House to file aboard spacious buses or squeeze like sardines into some poor soul's aging trashmo, then hit the road. Win or lose, the trials and tribulations of the road trip invariably outnumber the rewards.

For starters, one must endure the ride. As one great American once said, "If the motion sickness don't get you, the turkeys will." And he wasn't talking about Thanksgiving. The turkeys: we all know who they are. The baseball nut who would explain the merits of heads-up baserunning to a golden retriever if someone told him the pup could understand English.Or the off-key songster who could never believe that his singing didn't brighten everyone's day. Oh, yes. Every team has them. Whether by sound, by sight or by smell, they'll get your goat every time. After two hours in close quarters, they have usually coralled a veritable herd.

If you make it through the ride, you're in for the age old bane of "parking lot paralysis." Unloading in the parking lot, you find your legs have taken the consistency of turkish taffy. Doctors are yet to determine whether this condition is a direct result of extended exposure to turkeys.

After changing into competitive garb in locker rooms that often bear more resemblance to kitchen sinks than dressing rooms, the teams head for the playing area. Sick, stiff and stale, thev warm in front of the opposing crowd. Ah, the crowd. Every jeering fan should have his moment in front of an opposing crowd. There is nothing like the harsh blasts of a strange mob to make one appreciate domestic love.

They have insults for every occasion. Try to shoot a free throw and the crowd stomps their feet and hollers "Blow it!" or "Your mother's your face!" Draw a penalty and you're the proverbial second person singular, "You! You! You!" A foreigner, after witnessing a few hockey games, might think all goalies were named Sieve.

After the final buzzer, teams head for the post-game meal. If the time is right, the hosts often treat their guests to a dinner at their dining facilities. A meal at their place gives one the opportunity to see how Proctor stacks up against the competition. One soccer player reported his surprise at discovering elephant scabs on the Amherst menu. "Their scabs made me sick, too." he moaned. Many athletes have been heartened to find that there are depths lower than Proctor, much lower. One school serves a rather chewy chicken dish which is affectionately known as "beaks and sneaks."

If the school can't accomodate the team, they hit the road to find a restaurant. As the roads of antiquity all led to Rome, today's highways seem always to bring our weary athletes to the sign of the golden arches. What with dinner and the long ride home, the teams often on the road until the wee hours, forcing the atheletes to miss precious hours of sleep. But, after all, what are classes for?

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course, the real story for most spectators and runners is back in the "pack." To qualify for Boston, one must meet staff standards: males under forty must have run a three hour or faster marathon in the previous year; men over forty and women must meet a 3 1/2 hour standard.

Over 4700 people qualified as "official" entrants for Boston this year. Another few thousand runners of various shapes and styles tracked out to Hopkinton, Mass., and the starting line and participated "unofficially." Here in the rear was most of the Middlebury action.

Of the "official" runners, two Middlebury characters stand out. "Moo" Thorpe '78, having qualified with three sub-3 hour marathons was seeded number 61 among the women at Boston. She sped in with her finest marathon time, finishing in slightly over three hours over the hilly Boston course.

Peter Lebenbaum '67, is perhaps the best marathoner among Middlebury alumni. Disappointed with last year's effort (a mere 2:47), he put all systems to work this year and churned through suburban Boston in 2:31:07 and 185th place overall.

The "pack" people from Middlebury included Jeff Goodwin '78, Wis Wiswall '78, Barb Lange '80, Bill McGowan '78, Mike Weaver '79. Karl "Chico" Miran '77, Mike Jennings '77, former Midd football coach Rob Pfeiffer and his wife Kit, English professor (on leave) John Elder, Director of Counseling Gary Margolis, and un— doubtedly, other Middlebury alumni and friends.

The good Dr. Margolis trained for the Boston Marathon for six months, lost twenty pounds, and acquired that runner's obsessive glaze about the eyes. He allowed me to chronicle in pictures his Boston triumph with his fancy Konica TC camera.

I had the four page spread of my Marathon photos in Sports Illustrated all worked out before a runner passed by our group in Newton. Here are just a few of my best shots:

–long shot of the huge crowd lining the streets and Newton City Hall with four helicopters hovering overhead in the overcast sky, just before the Police motocade led the first runners by (from the fanfare and anticipation, I was sure Lucky Lindy himself was going to appear waving from an open car).

--"Cow Man" in the middle of the pack–a huge bearded man in buffalo headdress, painted face, wineskin around his torso, with "Cow Man" emblazoned on the front of his shirt and "Save Lake Taos" on the back.

–Jeff Goodwin changing his shirt on the run on his way to a sub-3:15 effort (he vows to be "official" by next year).

--Chico Miran, jogging along, smiling, offering a casual greeting after eighteen miles as if he were running from the field house to Fire and Ice.

--Wis Wiswall in full, elongate stride, running as impassively as a Nepali monk.

—My favorite, easy striding Gary Margolis and John Elder running with a sturdy mustached fellow from Bates College whom they met at the start; their faces show both hurt and exhilaration.

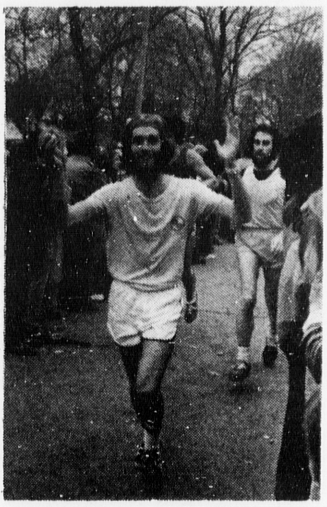
Photo by Richard Tarlov

Bill Mebrowan at 19 mile point.

If you want to see my other shots of the Marathon, you will have to buy me a late afternoon beer at the Rosebud. They are etched in semi-permanent, rectangular beauty in my mind.

As I took pictures of weary finishers in the chaos of the finish line in Copley Square, a spent Dr. Margolis aroused himself to exclaim, "Oh my God, there's no film; I forgot to load that camera!"

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of instruction follow, during which students are videotaped.

"For one thing, we have visualization exercises, like visualizing the movements of a pertect skier's style. Then we take people out," explains Grottendorfer, "tell them to imagine the movements, and then imitate them.

"Videotaping is to convince people of their own mistakes, to avoid false feedback. People are not aware of all the parts of their bodies. We want to make people aware of what their bodies are doing, the terrain, and the environment. All these...are what 'centered skiing' is all about."

One point consistently expounded by the instructors, says Grottendorfer , is that 'we don't expect every day to be the same. Don't get discouraged because one day is not like the one before."

The point is echoed by Mc Cluggage, At the end of each course, she distributes notes reminding students to "Ski in the eternal Now and the ever-present Here. That's all there is, anyway."

It has been Grottendorfer's experience that people find the program "not only helpful for their skiing, but their whole lives in other ways."

Photo by Tom Snitzer

Levanovich '78 in freestyle demonstration.

The new program is to be a permanent fixture at Sugarbush. "My real goal," Grottendorfer explains, "is to put this into our regular teaching technique. So I'm trying to get our whole program more relaxed, to lessen fear and tension in general. My own instructors became much, much better because they took the course. Whatever I can feed into general teaching I'm trying to do, to improve all instructors and students."

To date, about 200 people have participated in the program; its success is exemplified in the large number who are returning. "Every single person who took it was very excited," claims Grottendorfer. "We haven't had one person tell us it wasn't worth it."

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He finished with 849 yards this season.

Both Heffernan and Ford, almost legends in their three years as Panther gridders, hope to return as freshman coaches next year. They know, however, that they will never be able to be in the same huddles of the team that they have cherished.

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without falling. There was a perfect spot to run the race on the other side of the chair lift, but I think the reason they didn't want to move the course was because it would interfere with the recreational skiers."

Marilyn Cochran, the Coach of the UNH team, and a former World Cup skier, said the course was the steepest she'd ever seen and the racers agreed. The officials, however, did not. They refused to alter the course and the race went on as planned.

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LOSING STREAK

By DUSTY McNICHOL

As the World Series approaches here in America, little attention is paid to international sports. However, we at the Campus have kept our eyes open, and Iam happy to report that, with the aid of international correspondents John MacKenna and Walter Burrier, we can provide the following end of season international baseball roundup.

As always, it was an unpredictable season in the International League. Eventually, however, it was the Swedish Meatballs who came up first, just nosing out the early season leaders, the Manila Folders and the Venitian Blinds.

This year, again, the Nice Guys finished last.

In the Western European Division of the League, the big story was the Canterbury Tales. The Tales had been leading their section until they were overcome by the Dublin Population and the Brussels Sprouts.

The Tales went on to conclude their season with a statistically meaningless, but morally satisfying win over the Finnish Line.

In other Western European action, the London Bridges fell to the Bath Tubs. The Tubs themselves were later washed up, when they were taken by the Dutch Treats.

The eventual winners in the Western European Division were the French Fries, who travelled to Greece where they were burned by Southern Division champs, the Grecian Urns.

The Urns had been accused of having an easy schedule, facing such opponents as the Mongol Oids, and the Turkey Stuffing, but they silenced their critics with a fine showing against the tough Korean entry, the Seoul Brothers.

The Brothers' drive toward the championship had been stalled earlier when they tried out some new tactics against the New Guinea Pigs. The tactic backfired, and the Pigs ran roughshod over the Korean Team, which then went on to suffer two back to back defeats at the hands of the Cairo Practors.

Over in the Far Eastern Division, everyone had their sights set on the Peking Toms , who had established a massive lead early in the season.

The Taiwan Ons, the eventual winners in the Far Eastern Division, rose late. The Ons passed the Leningrad Uates on the last day of the season to move into first place, several games ahead of the Tangier Eens. The Eens had a fine year as a result of their fruitful mid season trades.

But, as has already been stated, no one could handle the Swedish Meatballs. They were just too much, and therefore they became this years champions.

And what about next year? It's difficult to tell, although the Lima Beans do look tough. Alot should be clearer after the post season shuffles settle down.

This year's team movements include the shift of the Minnesota Twins to Thailand, where they will be known as the Siamese Twins. The Nome Ads have also moved, but no destination has been announced as of this time.

All in all, it should be another wild, unpredictable year in the International League.

Midd Skiers: Just Passing Thru?

December 7, 1977

BY: JOHN MACKENNA

To many people, the name Middlebury is synonymous with fine ski racing. With its excellent facilities, ideal location and accommodating schedule, the college is a haven for fine young skiers.

For the last two years, Middlebury has fielded the best Women's Ski Team in the nation. But the rate at which good skiers enroll at Middlebury is almost matched by the rate at which they leave once they are accepted.

From the class of 1980 alone, Fritz Koch, Bill Spencer, Holly Flanders, and Richie Woodworth have all left the college to concentrate on skiing.

One striking instance of mass exodus in recent years involved the women's nordic squad. After helping lead their team to the national championship in 1976, Pam Richardson, Ruth Baxter, and National Collegiate Champion Mitzi Cain all left the college.

This story ended happily, however, when a trio of freshmen, Liz Carey, Deb Hutchinson and Lindsay Putnam, appeared on the scene to replace the prodigal daughters and lead the team to a repeat performance in last year's championship.

But Coach Terry Aldrich cannot expect to be graced with this sort of talent every year. He must abide with the frustration of watching his squads erode as the best skiers leave for whiter pastures.

He sees his predicament like this, "We tend to lose a lot of skiers because we run a high-caliber program. Most of the ones that leave go to ski for the U.S. team or just to commit themselves to skiing on a full-time basis. The top skiers here are among the best in the country, and they often find it difficult to train as much as they'd like to while attending school."

Many skiers choose to leave because they don't want to bear the burdens of Middlebury's demanding academic schedule while training several hours a day for ski-racing.

Another problem is the restriction that a class schedule puts on travel. Those who stay in school often must pass up important races because they can't afford to spend much time away from school. Winter term is a blessing in this respect: during the eight weeks between semesters, which fall in the middle of racing season, the skiers can devote much more time and energy to their sport.

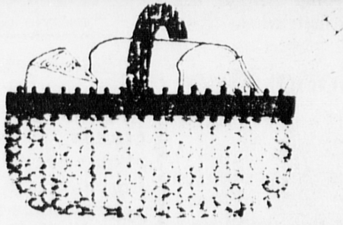
Some of Middlebury's best skiers have left because they had opportunities to ski with the U.S. Team. As Aldrich pointed out, "The U.S. Team is a natural step in the progression of a skier, with the ultimate goal being the olympics."

Both Aldrich and sophomore Liz Carey, a member of the U.S. Team, agree that the U.S. coaches put pressure on their skiers to get out of school. According to Aldrich, "They believe that if you want to ski with the best in the country, you have to drop out of college and devote yourself to skiing."

The Middlebury Coach holds a different philosophy. "I believe that college is a valuable experience and physiological and psychological maturity for young racers. Our program turns out well-rounded individuals, and when they graduate the opportunity to train full-time is still there."

Quite a few skiers have passed up offers from national teams in order to complete their educations at Middlebury. After studying and skiing cross-country at Middlebury for four years, Joe McNulty progressed to the U.S. Team and went on to compete in the 1972 Olympics. Brant McDougall '77 missed only one semester when he travelled to the 1976 Olympics as a member of the Canadian Nordic Team.

Liz Carey '80 is passing up a chance to ski with the U.S. Team in order to stay at Middlebury. She values the good education, and really enjoys college skiing.



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